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289 for, 251 against: that was for the entry of Germany into NATO. Logically, the treaty approving Germany's rearmament should do as well, although here, as the aged and enfeebled M. Herriot has pointed out, conscience creeps in, which in such matters is a notoriously illogical adviser. In any event, 289 for, 251 against, is probably a rough estimate of how most Europeans feel about the whole wretched business. On a straightforward plebiscite to test public opinion, West Germany would almost certainly be as hesitant as was the French Assembly, and so would England and the Benelux countries be.

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IT is, perhaps, an unsatisfactory balance of opinion. It leaves the Soviet Union and the Communist Parties with a firm propaganda foothold among the peoples of Western Europe. It introduces a nerve-racking political doubt into the calculations of the architects of NATO, which is political in foundation and therefore may, in fact, be weakened instead of strengthened by the addition to the super-structure of a weighty German force so uncertainly poised. That may account for the suggestion in yesterday's papers that Sir Winston Churchill is thinking of flying to Washington for talks with President Eisenhower, because "last week's action by the French Chamber poses the grave problem of whether France can be relied upon in the future to carry out her obligations in defence of the West."

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THAT was an unkind way of putting it; and we may be sure that it was not Sir Winston who put it that way. The fact remains that some doubt of the kind must have been troubling the British Premier for a long time. Indeed, everyone, from Sir Winston to Mr. Malenkov and from President Eisenhower to Dr. Adenauer has had doubts of that kind before him for several years now. The Americans, not without reason, have had similar doubts about all Europe, including Britain; for it is not surprising that countries which have been invaded or blitzed or both twice in a generation and are faced now with the prospect of thermo-nuclear war, should be pretty doubtful themselves about the obligations they are being asked to shoulder "in defence of the West."

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IT is the nature of the obligation rather than the principle of defence itself that is questioned. What people question is, in the first place, the wisdom of rearming their former enemy; and, in the second place, of provoking a prospective new enemy, who, from all accounts, could give as good as he would get in a thermo-nuclear conflict. For it should be remembered that the sense of risk present in the minds of many Europeans and especially many Frenchmen is caused less by fear that the rearmed Germans may one day have a third shot at world conquest, than by fear that a rearmed West Germany may goad Russia into war by attempting to force reunification of all Germany on its own terms and, if that succeeds, to recover the eastern territories now incorporated into Poland.

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MR. Dulles, then, is not the only one who is being pushed towards agonizing reappraisals. As matters stand, the agonizing reappraisal by Europeans cannot be avoided. The probability seems to be that the risks inherent in the Paris treaties are preferable to the almost certain dangers that would follow upon the exclusion of France from its place as the third of the three western big Powers and the rise of an unrestricted rearmed Germany to that status. The danger may be not merely in the exchange of places. It may be also in the likelihood that once France is riven from the present three-Power bloc she will herself become riven socially and politically from end to end. Political confusion in France with the possibility of Communism emerging as the strongest political force in the land would, indeed, force agonizing reappraisals.

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289 for, 251 againt, following last week's unfavourable vote by the National Assembly, and even if improved upon by today's decisive vote, remains a slim margin of safeguard against these catastrophes. But a safeguard it is. And if the cord tying up the Western alliance should be a bit frayed in places, tied up in a fashion it will be, preventing for the time being the separate pieces from tumbling about in obstructionist disarray. From that point onwards we shall expect positive evidence of constructive, peaceful intention from those who have convinced us, and presumably the French Assembly, that such intention in practice had but to wait upon the successful conclusion of their collective packaging.

Jerusalem, December 29.

MAC Turns Down Syrian Plaint On Grounded Plane

A Syrian draft resolution calling on the Israel authorities, to apologize for the forced landing of a Syrian plane at Lydda Airport and to compensate the travel company and the plane's passengers, was rejected by the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission which met in emergency session yesterday at the Syrian customs house.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of Colonel Castanguay, was called to continue discussions in connection with the Syrian plane which was flying in the Lydda Airport control area and was forced to land at the Airport on December 12.

Following the discussion of the Syrian complaint, the draft resolution was voted upon paragraph by paragraph. It was rejected because of the abstention of the Chairman, who declared that the matter was outside the M.A.C.'s authority.

In view of this declaration, the Israel delegation announced that it would forge discussion of its own complaint in connection with this incident.

Damascus Radio last night reported that the Syrian military spokesman announced that after the vote was taken the M.A.C. Chairman warned both sides to be "extremely careful" against repetition of such incidents which may develop into more serious complications.

The Chairman expressed satisfaction, it was reported, regarding the statement of the senior Israel delegate announcing that in future Syrian commercial planes would be permitted to fly in Israel-controlled air space on condition that such planes make radio contact and identification with the control tower in Lydda airport, and on condition that they gave reciprocity.

The Syrian spokesman refused to accept this suggestion and added that the Syrian M.A.C. delegation reserved the right to take up the issue of the plane incident with higher U.N. authorities.

May Shelve Council Session on Bat Galim

U.N. circles believe that the Security Council meeting set for January 4 to take up the Bat Galim incident might be cancelled since the date for this meeting was set before the receipt of the Egyptian letter to the Council informing it of the decision to release the crew of the ship on January 1, according to the Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram" from New York.

It was stated that Israel still insists on a special session of the Council to discuss the case, but there is no telling whether the Council will accede to the request.

Washington and London, pleased with the Egyptian intention to release the crew, have told Israel not to press the matter further, at least for the time being, it was reported.

Knesset Approves Myerson Statement

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

By the votes of the Coalition Parties and the Agudat Yisrael Workers, the Knesset yesterday approved the statement on the unemployment situation made by the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, two weeks ago.

Four opposition motions, presented by Herut, Mapam, Ahdut Ha'avoda and the Communists, respectively, were rejected. The Herut motion had emphasized that they did not consider that enough had been done by the Government to increase productivity, while the Mapam motion sought greater priority for action against unemployment.

The Ahdut Ha'avoda motion combined both these criticisms, while the Communists blamed the Government's economic policy for causing "mass unemployment."

Traffic Accidents

In the continuation of the debate on traffic accidents in the Knesset yesterday M. E. Ichelov (General Zionist), suggested that certain categories of heavy vehicles, such as petrol tankers and large trucks carrying bulk goods from Haifa port to Tel Aviv, should be permitted to use the comparatively narrow Haifa-Tel Aviv highway only at night, and that, in general, use of the railways should be encouraged in order to lighten the load on the congested roads.

Mr. Idov Cohen, (Progressive) said that he considered that extra care had to be exercised in the administration of the railways in Israel, because these were to some extent an innovation, and the public had never been, or long ceased to be, "railway minded."

The Minister of Transport is due to wind up the debate next week.

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African-Asian Meeting Called for April

DJAKARTA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Five Asian Prime Ministers meeting today at Bogor, the hill resort here, decided that they would call a conference of African and Asian countries in the last week of April to consider world problems. This firm announcement less than three hours after they began was taken as a portent of other quick decisions.

The question of whether to invite China and Japan to the April conference is a major issue before the Premiers who represent India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon and Indonesia. They have also to settle an agenda on which anti-colonialism is likely to be one of the main items.

The premiers met behind closed doors in the palace of President Soekarno, of Indonesia. Police guards kept newspaper reporters at a distance of a quarter of a mile from the conference room. Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo, Indonesian Premier, presided. The others round the table were Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru of India, Mr. U Nu, of Burma, Mr. Mohammed Ali, of Pakistan, and Sir John Kotelawala, of Ceylon.

There was no indication in their brief communique whether they had started to tackle the formidable task of deciding whom to invite to the Afro-Asian conference announced. China with all qualifications for participation in an Asian conference and with support already from some of the Colombo powers for U.N. membership, looms large over the conference scene.

Feeling in the foreign diplomatic community is that China's inclusion in the list of guests would automatically exclude many of the 31 countries considered as possibilities for invitations. There is even some doubt whether Ceylon and Pakistan would sit down at an Asian conference table with the Chinese.

The general feeling is that none of the five Colombo powers would oppose Japanese participation, but whether Japan would accept an invitation was considered of more importance.

Moroccan Terrorists Kill Five Persons

CASABLANCA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Terrorists early today and last night killed five persons here.

Two Moroccans were killed by gunfire today in separate attacks. Yesterday a police inspector was killed by a single revolver shot in the modern part of the city. A Moroccan worker was shot dead nearby, and the third victim, a municipal official was felled by four revolver bullets.

A terrorist made an unsuccessful attempt here yesterday on the life of a local French official attached to the Moroccan court, M. Andre Herse.

RESTRICTIONS RENEWED

The prolongation of the Emergency Regulations providing for the right of the Defence Minister to impose special restrictions in areas declared to be Defence Areas passed their final reading in the Knesset yesterday, and were renewed for a further year from December 31, 1954.

The bill was presented by Mr. Meir Argov, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, who said that there had been little change in the political and defence situation of Israel since the regulations were first promulgated.

U.N. VISITS SITE OF KILLING

RAMLE, Tuesday. — The body of Israel Dobrushkin, of the Habad Yeshiva in Lydda, who was killed last Thursday on his way to Safuriya, was transferred to Safad for burial today.

A U.N. investigator visited the place where the body of the young man was found yesterday.

SAPLINGS STOLEN

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Infiltrators stole 450 olive tree saplings valued at IL.450 from Kibbutz Nirim in the Western Negev last night. Police found tracks leading towards the Gaza strip.

BEST FILMS NAMED

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). —New York film critics today selected "On the Waterfront" as the best English-language film of the year and Japan's "Gate of Hell" as the best foreign production. The group comprising reviewers of the daily press selected Marlon Brando as best actor and Elia Kazan as best director both for their work in "On the Waterfront."

Knesset Hears Progress Report on Nuclear Work

A report on progress in research on atomic energy was given by Professor Ernst Bergmann to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset yesterday. Prof. Bergmann outlined the projects now under consideration, and he as well as Mr. Shimon Peres, Director General of the Ministry of Defence, replied to questions by members of the Committee.

The morning session, which was attended by the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, continued its discussion of the Zionist trial in Egypt and the negotiations for the release of the Israel vessel, Bat Galim, and its crew.

No Peace with Israel On Any Terms: Salem

Egypt would refuse to conclude peace with Israel even if the latter were to implement all U.N. resolutions regarding her frontiers, Propaganda Minister Salah Salem on Monday told a delegation of Syrian journalists now visiting Cairo, according to the Jordan paper "A-Diffa" yesterday.

Major Salem pointed out that Egypt had rejected the American offer of military assistance in return for conclusion of a security pact, even if that meant she would not receive "millions of dollars worth of arms."

He claimed that Egypt will be one of the 10 countries in the world producing jet planes by the end of 1955. He gave no other details. Salem stated that Egyptian factories will meet all the country's needs for small arms ammunition next year and also export its surplus output to Arab countries.

He disclosed that Egypt is buying heavy arms from the U.S. and other countries.

Jordan Project Seen One Mideast Solution

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). —"The New York Times" said editorially today that there is now a good chance for joint Israel-Arab development of the Jordan River waters when Mr. Eric Johnston leaves for negotiations in the Middle East next month.

Agreement in principle was reached last June, the paper said, and now there will be an agreement on facts and figures —on the division of water which will flow to the thirsty land.

"Flowing water is often used as a political boundary line but if it is to be effectively used for the good of humanity politics must be forgotten. A Jordan River development might end one of the sources of troubles in the Near East by opening lands for thousands of now homeless Arab refugees. In this and other ways the plan captures the heart and stirs the imagination," the paper said.

Arabs' Single Condition For Defence Pact

The only condition laid down by the Arab Foreign Ministers during their conference held recently in Cairo for the conclusion of a defence pact with the West and acceptance of military aid was strict respect for the sovereignty and independence of the Arab states concerned, the Syrian Foreign Minister, Faibi el Atassi, said last night, NEABS reported.

The Lebanese Foreign Minister, Alfred Naccache, yesterday appeared before the parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee to report on the same subject. The Lebanese Parliament will discuss the issue later this week.

NO SUEZ TROOPS FOR JORDAN

Walid Salah, Jordan Foreign Minister, last night denied in Parliament press reports that part of the British forces evacuating the Suez Canal Zone will be stationed in Jordan, according to the Arab News Agency.

Flash Flood Carries Away Mother And Infant; Village Is Isolated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR SABA, Tuesday. — An unidentified woman and her baby were swept away by a flash flood which overturned a jeep travelling on the road to B'nei Zion settlement this afternoon.

The village of B'nei Zion, in the Emek Hefer, was cut off by the flood. Two other occupants of the jeep, Kupat Holim personnel, were rescued by the villagers, who came promptly with ropes and rode to help the men who clung to the vehicle.

The driver, Shmuel Mualim, who also made good his escape, said on his arrival here that he gave the woman a lift. She said she wanted to go to the B'nei Zion ma'bara. When in sight of B'nei Zion, water suddenly flooded the valley which they were crossing, sweeping the jeep off the road.

The baby fell from the woman's lap. As she bent to grasp it, she fell out of the vehicle and disappeared. The man did not know the woman's name.

He was taken to Beilinson Hospital suffering from shock.

From the east side of the river villagers in B'nei Zion could be seen evacuating the 18 houses built nearer the valley. They shouted for firemen and police to help them. They were unable to reach them, however.

Batara village, near the Petah Tikya-Haifa road, was divided by an unbreachable stream in the afternoon. There were no casualties.

Electricity supply was interrupted for several hours in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv today because of a breakdown in the network presumably caused by the heavy winds and rains.

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Cairo to Try Six Jews on Charges Of Communism

CAIRO, Tuesday (UP). — The six Jews, including one woman, who have been arrested will be tried shortly on the charge of Communist activities, Ali Nur e-Din, a Government investigator announced today.

He said they had gathered political and military data and sent it to the Communists in France. He emphasized that the case is one of Communist agents, not spies for Israel. Those arrested were identified as follows:

Henry Vita Cohen, designer in the advertising section of a Cairo daily newspaper;

Henry Osmo, an official of the Nile Trading Company;

Miss Joyce Blau, on the staff of the Belgian Charleroi Company;

Nathan Blau, of the Mattatia Advertising Company;

Elie Salomon Israel, teacher at a French secondary school at Tanta in the Nile Delta;

Nessim Ibrahim Nahmias, employed in the Boustani Cigarette Company.

French Subjects

A French Embassy source confirmed today that Cohen, the two Blaus who are brother and sister, and Israel, are French subjects.

Nur e-Din said the group conducted activities from a flat in a big apartment house in Fuad Street in the heart of downtown Cairo. Cohen was arrested while photographing reports destined for the Communist headquarters in Paris.

A search of his office and house produced subversive literature and various papers throwing light on the Communist underground in Egypt and its connections with Communists in France. Some of those arrested had confessed, the investigator said.

At the trial of the 10 "Zionists" accused of spying for Israel and sabotage, the lawyer Kamal Tewfik, pleading for the defendant Elie Naim before the high military court today, contended that there was nothing harmful in his client's joining "a group of fellow Jews for social improvement." He said Naim, young and poor, saw in this movement a chance to improve his lot by mixing with others in a good social position.

Charge Refuted

Tewfik refuted the charge that Naim hired a Cairo flat from which the group's activities were run. He said Naim was not aware of the real purpose of the flat. Referring to the charge that Naim used an assumed name, Francois, the lawyer said, "There is nothing wrong in that. After all, Farouk used many assumed names when he was in Europe as king and nobody thought it was wrong."

Naim actually hired the Cairo flat to serve as a "bachelors' establishment." He said the evidence of Naim's innocence may be found in the fact that members of the Alexandria group stated during the investigation that they did not know anyone in Cairo by the name of Elie Naim. He said the monthly £E5 Naim received from Victorine Nino was to improve his living conditions as his income was poor.

He demanded Naim's acquittal, saying, "All evidence against him is weak and whenever doubts exist they must be interpreted in the defendant's favour."

Five Egyptian Army Men Given Death

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter).— The People's Tribunal today sentenced five officers and men of the Egyptian armed forces to death by a firing squad for their part in a Moslem brotherhood conspiracy to overthrow the government.

The five sentenced to death today are Major Salam Shadi of the police, described as the "master mind" of the Brotherhood secret cells in the police force, Lieut. Said Balbaa of the Navy, Able Seaman Mahmoud Shukry, Flight Lieut. Mohammed el Shinnawi of the Air Force, and Private Abdul Wahab Sharkal of the Military Police.

The court which was delivering judgement on 29 officers and men of the armed forces sentenced five others to hard labour for life, seven to 15 years hard labour, six to 10 years hard labour, one to five years hard labour, four to 10 years with a stay of execution, and one to 15 years.

Those sentenced included one naval lieutenant - commander, three naval lieutenants and an able seaman; one army lieutenant-colonel, two army majors and one captain; one flight lieutenant and two leading aircraftmen; one police major, four police captains and one police first lieutenant; and one corporal and 10 privates of the military police.

Lutheran Leader Attacked In Old City; Assailant Arrested

The Director of the World Lutheran Federation in Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon, Mr. Christianson, was severely injured in the face, and was operated upon in Beirut following an attack on him in the Old City on Monday night, the Old City daily, "El Jihad" reported yesterday.

The attacker, Hussein Alami, a former employee of the Augusta Victoria Hospital on Mount Scopus which is directed by the Lutheran Federation, was detained by the police. Alami was dismissed by Mr. Christianson recently and had several times publicly announced that he would "seek revenge," the paper reported.

2 Crucial Confidence Votes Face Paris Assembly Today

Mendes-France Triumphs Twice

PARIS, Tuesday. — Premier Pierre Mendes-France, twice triumphant in the National Assembly's marathon debate on the Paris treaties, stopped further discussion early today and made the final issue rest on two votes of confidence to be taken tomorrow.

The Premier won two dramatic victories:

1) A vote of confidence on West Germany's admission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and

2) His opponents withdrew delaying motions on the application of the treaties once they are ratified.

Procedural points threatened to raise difficulties, but M. Mendes-France boldly faced them in two moves.

When it was decided that he could not put a vote of confidence on a second reading of the German rearmament section, he introduced a new bill providing for German rearmament and Germany's entry into the Western European Union. The German rearmament clause was rejected on Friday by 21 votes. That will be the first vote of confidence to be put up tomorrow at 3 p.m. GMT (5 p.m. Israel time).

The second move was to make a vote of confidence of the remaining parts of the Paris agreements which have already been adopted clause by clause in the Assembly.

Before the Paris agreements can be fully ratified M. Mendes-France will therefore still need to get two votes of confidence from the Assembly.

After the new bill was tabled arguments on procedure arose between the Communists and the Speaker. Then came a further adjournment to enable the Foreign Affairs Commission to report on the new bill in accordance with standing rules.

The Foreign Affairs Commission recommended by 18 votes to 17 with four abstentions that the Assembly adopt the new Government bill.

Earlier Rejection

Earlier, the Commission had recommended by 20 votes to 19 with two abstentions that the Assembly should reject the German rearmament clause as it then stood.

The Commission has an advisory capacity in the Assembly. No explanation was immediately forthcoming why it voted against ratification of the German rearmament clause although it had several weeks ago recommended that the Assembly ratify the Paris agreements.

The Commission's votes are not binding on the Assembly and it was presumed that one reason for the negative advice was to force the Government to put the vote of confidence on this clause instead of trying to get it through last night on a free vote.

The two anti-Government motions aimed at holding up application of the agreements once they were ratified were withdrawn by their authors after an appeal by M. Mendes-France and after the Gaullist Deputy M. Gaston Palewski had paid the Premier a handsome tribute by saying, "I withdraw the motion only because you are the Premier and because of the hope you represent for the country."

The Government's chief adversaries, the Catholic Popular Republicans (MRP), led by ex-Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, whose attitude was chiefly responsible for the surprise vote rejecting German rearmament on Friday, suffered a tactical defeat last night.

They had planned to vote for the Government on the motions postponing application of the Paris agreements, but they were deprived of this opportunity of displaying some kind of approval of the Paris agreements without committing themselves to German rearmament when the Premier got the two motions withdrawn.

The French position with regard to the Paris agreements is now the following:

- The protocol for restoring German sovereignty has been

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How the Assembly Voted

The voting record of the French Assembly on vital issues since M. Mendes-France became Premier:

Subject	Date	For	Against
Indo-China	July 23	[illegible]	[illegible]
Economic plan	Aug. 10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budget	Nov. 9	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tunisia	Dec. 10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Indo-China Budget	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rearming Germany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Restoration of German Sovereignty	24	[illegible]	[illegible]
Saar Accord	24	[illegible]	[illegible]
Entry of Germany into NATO	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

U.N. Chief Leaving For Peking Tomorrow

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (UP). — Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, of the United Nations, announced today he will leave for Peiping on Thursday to seek freedom for 11 American airmen jailed as spies by China.

Mr. Hammarskjold will leave New York accompanied by a party of six.

He will fly to London and stay in the British capital until January 1. He will have talks with Foreign Secretary Eden and then will go to New Delhi, proceeding from there to China in a plane provided by the Indian Government.

British, US Differ In M.E., Moscow Says

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter) — A Moscow Radio commentator today said there were sharp divergencies between Britain and the U.S. on the Middle East where the United States was trying to undermine Britain's position.

The commentator, Yuri Bechkarev, recalled recent Middle East tours by Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh, head of the British Foreign Office's Middle East Department, followed by visits of high American diplomats. There was no doubt that their aim was to include the Arabs in the imperialistic military bloc, he said.

But these diplomatic tours were made separately which pointed clearly to sharp divergencies between the two countries. This "Anglo-American" operation was not running smoothly for Britain. She had lost Persian oil to American companies, and by granting aid to Pakistan and Iraq the U.S. had paved the way to substituting her influence for that of Britain.

In the light of these facts, he added, it was Britain's intention to create an independent Arab military bloc under her indirect control.

Pravda Says Britain, US, Coercing Arabs

MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter)— The Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" said today that Britain and the U.S. are trying to "lure the Arab countries into aggressive blocs under the command of the United States."

TASS, the Soviet news agency, quoted an article which said Britain and the U.S. were "exerting pressure on the Arab states to join NATO and the Turco-Pakistani military alliance.

It said that American-inspired propaganda about "Communist danger" or "Soviet imperialism" would not succeed because "the Arab people know well that those trampling Arab dignity underfoot are the British and American imperialists who are robbing the economic resources of the Arab countries."

400,000 British Rail Men Threaten Strike

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Britain's biggest railroad union tonight rejected a government plea for delaying and decided to press forward with plans for a giant nation-wide railway strike of 400,000 men on January 9.

The 24-man Executive Committee of the National Union of Railwaymen decided, however, to cooperate with a fact-finding board set up by the Labour Minister, Sir Walter Monckton.

If the negotiations fail to satisfy union demands for the balance of a 15 per cent pay increase first asked for in mid-1953, the 400,000 railwaymen will walk out. Labour leaders have warned the strike would cripple Britain in a matter of hours.

CHINA FREES ITALIAN CATHOLIC PRELATE

HONG KONG, Tuesday (Reuter). — China has released Monsignor Tarcisio Martina, 68, Italian Catholic prelate sentenced to life imprisonment in 1951 for his part in an alleged plot to assassinate the Chinese leader, Mao Tse-tung.

Martina, who arrived here yesterday, was Bishop of Yinsien in Hopei Province at the time of his arrest in May, 1951. He told reporters that for the first 10 days after his conviction he was handcuffed and his leg was in shackles and chains for four months. Then he was transferred to another prison where treatment was much better.

Ike Gratified, State Department Hopeful

AUGUSTA, Georgia, Tuesday (Reuter).—President Eisenhower last night expressed gratification at the Assembly's vote approving entrance of Germany into NATO.

The Presidential Press Secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, said there would be no formal statement until action had been completed on all the votes pending in the Assembly.

In Washington, State Department officials are hopeful that most of the bad effects of last week's defeat can be erased.

Officially, the Department had no comment last night when Mr. Mendes-France won his first victories.

Admit Encouragement

Their caution stemmed from the shocked disappointment the U.S. suffered last week, when officials had predicted in advance of the vote that the agreements would be approved.

But privately they admitted encouragement, and expressed the opinion that France will be a strong and cooperative ally in Europe once she has got over the big hurdle of actually voting German rearmament.

Congressional leaders were not as reluctant to express their jubilation. Sen. Alexander Wiley, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, described the vote on admitting Germany to NATO as "welcome news... to all the free world."

RELIEF FELT IN BONN

BONN, Tuesday (UP).—A warm gust of relief swept through Government offices today over last night's victory in the French National Assembly.

However, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who was informed of the result of the voting before he went to bed last night, ordered that no comment, official or otherwise, was to be made on behalf of his Government until after all the Paris confidence votes are completed and the treaties that will rearm this country finally are sewed up in the still unpredictable French parliament.

Dr. Adenauer has cancelled a special Cabinet meeting which he had called for tomorrow, Government sources said today.

The cancellation was understood to result from the favourable course of the French debate on the Paris treaties.

TIME'S 'MAN OF THE YEAR'—DULLES

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — The editors of "Time" magazine today named Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as "Man of the Year" for 1954.

The editors, making an annual choice, said Mr. Dulles had travelled 101,521 miles during the year "to find ways for the free world to gather and use its strength." He has made mistakes and suffered heavy losses, but was able in disengaging himself from his errors.

"Time" said that it was at the Berlin Conference last February that Mr. Dulles "started on the way to become 1954 Man of the Year."

It added, "Mr. Dulles at Berlin pressed Molotov with greater skill and force than any United States diplomat had ever shown in dealing with the Communists."

'Major Setbacks'

The magazine said the "free world's two major setbacks of 1954 were the death of the European Defence Community and the defeat in Indo-China.

"The mistake was that the victory of France's allies over Germany somehow meant that France had recovered from the basic political weakness that caused its collapse in 1940.

"The post-war phrase — the Big Four — was a misnomer. France is not a great power but a great civilization politically paralyzed. EDC asked France to show a self-confidence it did not possess.

"Premier Pierre Mendes-France made France's allies face the old fact of France's weakness."

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RICHER FLAVOUR THROUGH MACEDONIAN TOBACCO

Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi entertained to luncheon yesterday the members of the Central Committee of the Histadrut Executive. Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi later held a tea in honour of Mr. Fritz Hollander, President of the Swedish Zionist Federation. Present were the Swedish Consul General and Mrs. E. Nebenzahl, Mr. Zvi Herman, Chairman of the Keren Hayesod Directorate, and Mr. Moshe Barsella, Director General of the Ministry for Social Welfare. The President yesterday received Mr. Jacob Varga, the violinist.

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The Argentine Minister, Mr. P. Manguel, and Mr. J. Neviaz, attache, met Rabbi Amram Blum, Chief Rabbi of Argentina who arrived at Lydda Airport on Monday night.

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A farewell party for the French Consul General in Jerusalem and Mme. de la Sabliere on their transfer to Beirut was given last night at the home of the Jerusalem District Representative and Mrs. A. Biran. General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, members of the Jerusalem Consular Corps, representatives of the Foreign Office and Jerusalem notables were present. M. de la Sabliere has been appointed Deputy Director of UNRWA at Beirut with the rank of Minister.

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The Netherlands Minister and Madame Boissevain will be At Home for members of the Netherlands community on the occasion of New Year on Sunday, January 2, 1955, between 6 and 8 p.m.

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The Swedish Consul General and Mrs. Nebenzahl yesterday entertained to luncheon in Jerusalem the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson; Mr. K.A. Johansson, Managing Director of the Federation of Swedish Cooperatives, and Mrs. Johansson; Mr. Y. Efter; Mr. Zvi Herman; Mr. and Mrs. F.S. Hollander, of Stockholm; Mr. E. Najar, and Mrs. Reuell.

The Jewish Agency Executive and the Keren Hayesod Directorate this week held a reception for Mr. Fritz Hollander, President of the Zionist Federation and one of the heads of the United Jewish Appeal in Sweden.

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Rav-Seren Mordechai Benedict, the new chief of the Defence Forces Press Liaison Unit, met military correspondents as the outgoing chief of the unit, Rav-Seren Ephraim Markushevitz, took his leave of them at a luncheon in Tel Aviv yesterday.

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Prof. Feinberg will lecture on "The Three-Power Declaration of 1950" at 8.30 this evening at the Ratisbonne Building, Jerusalem.

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ARRIVALS: Mme. B. de la Sabliere, wife of the Consul General of France in Jerusalem (by Air France).

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Reuven Nall, Israel Charge d'Affaires in Bulgaria, after a fortnight's home leave, to Istanbul (by El Al); Mr. L. Tager, Director of the Keren Hayesod's English-Speaking Countries Division, to South Africa; Miss Silvana Pampanini, the Italian film star, and producer M. Ergaz and television photographer P. Rolli, to Istanbul (by El Al); Mr. Robert Pinson, representative of Air France in Israel to Paris, on company business (Air France); Mr. Guy Scofield, of the London Daily Mail for England in the s.s. Jerusalem.

GRUENBAUM'S THANKS

Mr. Yitzhak Gruenbaum wishes to extend his thanks to all those who sent him messages of greeting on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Mr. Gruenbaum includes in his message of appreciation, the President, the Prime Minister, the Knesset Speaker, members of the Government and of the Jewish Agency Executive, Rabbi Y.L. Maimon and Members of the Knesset D. Ben Gurion, M. Ben Tov, A. Zisling and M. Shapiro, Mayors and Chairmen of local authorities, the Histadrut, newspapers, kibbutzim, and particularly those of his friends "who marched with me on the road of Zionism."

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 340, 31.3 & 43.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 4.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 6 a.m. 1.15 and 6.30 p.m.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R) 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Ballet. 1.15 Break for Music. 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Music (R). 4.45 Violin Recital: Isaiah Braker. 5.15 Light Music (R). 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Musical Echoes (R). 7.20 Agricultural Corner. 7.30 Cantoral Request Programme (R). 8.00 The Woman in the State. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Building of the State. 9.00 Twenty-Questions. 9.30 Light Music (R). 9.45 Classical Request Programme: 32 Variations in C minor (Beethoven); Clarinet Concerto K.622 (Mozart); Symphony No.3 (Saint-Saens). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
467, 690, 223, 218, 42.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites, 6.30 French, 7.00 Ladino, 7.30 Yiddish, 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 p.m. Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA: (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. News, 11.30 Musical Greetings. 11.45 The Week's News.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 218, 220 & 226 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital. 7.00 Requests (Hebrew Songs). 7.30 Tomorrow's Bamahane. 7.45 Light Music. 8.00 "The Old Man and the Sea." 8.30 News. 8.45 Light Music. 9.00 Twenty Questions. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: [illegible]

HERODIAN BURIAL CAVES FOUND IN JERUSALEM

A group of Jewish burial caves dating back to the Herodian epoch was accidentally discovered in a Jerusalem suburb recently, it was learned yesterday from the Ministry of Education and Culture.

While digging the foundations for Mr. Avraham Shevah's house in Kiryat Shmuel, the workmen struck a cave. Mr. Shevah immediately notified the Department of Antiquities in the Ministry of Education which cleared the cave. The excavations, which took a week and were directed by Mr. Y. Aharoni, revealed Jewish burial caves hewn out of the rock and containing broken ossuaries, pottery and glass vessels dating to the Herodian period. The most interesting discovery is a Greek inscription on a fragment of ossuary, mentioning "Rufus who is Daniel".

The Department of Antiquities thinks that similar burial caves may have been found during the construction of the neighbouring houses, and that the entire vicinity formed part of the extensive necropolis which surrounded ancient Jerusalem. Unfortunately, the contractors putting up these houses did not notify the Department, perhaps fearing an interruption of the building work, and interesting remains may have been irretrievably destroyed. In addition to his notification to the Department, Mr. Shevah put a workman at the disposal of the archaeological excavation team, which did not interfere with building activities on other parts of the site.

Oars of 5,000-year Solar Boats Found

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Five huge wooden oars were discovered today on the starboard side of the 5,000 year old "solar boat" in the Great Pyramid when Egyptian workmen removed the 25th of the 42 limestone blocks roofing the cavity in which the boat lies.

It is one of two boats said to have carried the soul of King Cheops, builder of the famous pyramid which bears his name, on a journey to the sun. The boats, used in funeral rites, were discovered last May by Kamal el Malakan, a young Egyptian archeologist. He said today he hoped to remove the remaining 17 blocks, each weighing 20 tons, and expose the entire length of the boat in the first week of January.

The oars are eight metres long with two-metre blades. The boat is 40 metres long.

400 Claims Granted For Acquired Land

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 2,600 claims for compensation, involving more than 250,000 dunams, have been submitted by Israel Arabs and Jews under the Land Acquisition Law of 1953, during the eight months since the special compensation offices were opened by the Development Authority in Haifa, Jaffa and Tiberias, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Of these claims, 411 have been approved, 109 in the Centre and South, and 302 in the North and in Galilee.

The reason for the relatively small percentage of claims so far approved is that of 900 claims in the Centre, South and the Negev, 600 involve lands in villages in which the Mandatory Land Registration Survey is not complete, and technical difficulties have thus arisen in identifying plots and ownership.

So far over IL.740,000 has been paid out as compensation and 2,150 dunams of farm land (in 25 dunam lots) has also been allocated to Arab villagers.

In addition, 35 houses and 21 urban plots have been granted as compensation under the provisions of the law. In one case in which an Arab citizen preferred to obtain his compensation in cash and leave the country, the sum of 56 dinars was given him.

GOODS VALUED at IL.1,400 and including silverware and a fur coat, were stolen from the home of Dr. Henry Adler, a Haifa dentist, on Monday evening.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

- ARNON: Stars of the Russian Ballet.
- EDEN: Lili, 2nd week.
- EDISON: Abbot and Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
- ORGIL: I'll See You in my Dreams.
- ORION: King of the Khyber Rifles.
- ORNA: The Juggler.
- RON: A City on Trial.
- STUDIO: The Angel with the Trumpet.
- TEL OR: One Minute to Zero.
- ZION HALL: L'affaire Maurizius.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Lectures: —

"The Three Power Declaration of 1950," Professor N. Feinberg; University Faculty of Law Building, Ratisbonne, Room 71, 8.30 p.m.

Professor M. Rosenbaum, "The Role of the Father in the Family;" Dr. A.A. Weinberg, "Impressions of the International Congress on Mental Health in Toronto," auspices Jerusalem Society for Mental Hygiene, Beit Hahalutzot, 8 p.m.

★ Exhibitions:—

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the international "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-8 p.m.

Drawings by Yehuda Bacon and Glass Paintings by Deborah Blumenthal, Nora Studio Art Gallery, 9 Ben Maimon Avenue, Rehavia (10-1; 3-6), Tomorrow 10-2.

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.

"Hommage a Matisse."—"Master drawings" Exhibit of the month: Woven tapestry, Persia, Middle Ages; Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 4-6.

★ Tours:—

Hebrew University conducted tour, new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Library:—

American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1; 3-6.

★ Film Shows:—

Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

9 Americans To Be First H.U. Honorary Fellows

Nine American Jews are to be the first recipients of Honorary Fellowships of the Hebrew University. Messrs. Joseph M. Mazer, James Marshall, Daniel G. Ross and Louis M. Rabinowitz, all of New York; Maxwell Abbell and Samuel N. Katzin, of Chicago; Harry Kangesser, of Cleveland; Charles Krown, of Los Angeles; and Benjamin Swig, of San Francisco.

The Fellowships will be conferred by Professor M. Evenari, Vice-President of the University, at a Convocation to be held at Hunter College, New York, under the auspices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, on January 16. The principal speakers will be Mr. Abba Eban, Ambassador to the U.S., and Dr. Abram L. Sachar, President of Brandeis University.

MD's Oppose Forced Village Work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The proposed law compelling young doctors to serve a year in rural and frontier settlements, after their regular army term, was subjected to much criticism by the Government-appointed Health Council at its session in Jerusalem yesterday. The Minister of Health, Mr. Y. Serlin, listened to objections from doctors and health administrators, and will reply next Tuesday, due to lack of time yesterday.

Professor M. Rachmilevitz, of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, reminded the Council that there were more than enough physicians in Israel (one doctor per 440 persons), but they were concentrated in urban areas. The conditions in country practices would have to be improved, and the Medical School should aim at training general practitioners able to cope with make-shift facilities. Professor Rachmilevitz cited the case of a student who is taught to diagnose malaria by microscopic examination. The village to which he is sent has no microscope, and the whole system of training is proved useless.

Several speakers advised a thorough investigation of the doctor shortage — its cause and extent — before resorting to such measures as compulsory service. Dr. Heller noted that a young doctor forced to practise in a remote village against his will would hardly work in the right spirit of healing.

Dr. B. Harel, M.K., called upon the Ministry of Health and the Defence authorities to cooperate. The lack of rural doctors can be remedied, Dr. Harel said, if available forces pull together. He warned against the growing tendency to split responsibility for health services among various Ministries. Now, for example, the Labour Ministry has taken over medical care for work accidents.

Both Professor G. Mer, who has devoted his life to the anti-malaria station at Rosh Pina, and Dr. Y. Katzenellenbogen, a veteran Jerusalemite, blamed the unreadiness of young physicians to take a country post on the fact that they would be mere writers of prescriptions, without real contact with their practice. The rushed doctor sent as many cases as possible to town for treatment, and his medical care was confined to the first-aid jobs normally done by a nurse. The solution, both speakers agreed, was to establish small health centres on inclusive, community lines.

Plastic Operation At Leper Hospital

A plastic operation was performed for the first time at the Government Hospital for Hansen's Disease (leprosy), Jerusalem, this week, initiating the latest treatment for limbs crippled and distorted by the illness.

Dr. M. Makin, an orthopaedic surgeon of Hadassah Medical Organization, carried out the operation in a small operating theatre fitted at the hospital itself. Other patients will later get similar treatment, by an arrangement between H.M.O. and the Ministry of Health.

No Faith in Jordan

An American faith healer, Dr. A. L. Jarcass, of Los Angeles received a hot reception in the Old City of Jerusalem on Sunday when he could not accomplish a single cure, the Old City "El Jihad" reported yesterday.

Dr. Jarcass' impending arrival had been announced in full-page advertisements in the Jordan press, inviting the sick, the blind and the lame to come to his demonstration at the Khamra Cinema.

The cinema was packed to capacity with invalids of all descriptions a whole hour before his scheduled appearance. Dr. Jarcass gave a short speech after which he started his demonstration. One by one the sick trouped up to the healer without a single miraculous cure however coming to pass. The crowd finally became violent and started smashing up the cinema. Dr. Jarcass had to make good his escape through the back door under police protection.

The Jordan press has bitterly denounced the Government for allowing the act of "charlatanry" on Christmas Sunday.

MENTAL HEALTH TALKS

The Mental Hygiene Association and the Jerusalem Association of Children's Doctors are sponsoring two lectures at Beit Hahalutzot, Rehavia, at 8 o'clock tonight.

Dr. A. Weinberg, Chairman of the local branch of the Mental Hygiene Association, will speak on "Impressions of the Fifth International Congress for Mental Health."

Prof. M. Rosenbaum, Director of the Psychiatric Department of Hadassah, will speak in English on "The Function of the Father in the Family."

The public is invited.

THE MINISTRY of Health is considering a request from the Jewish National Fund to that a stamp commemorating Herzl Year be affixed to every birth certificate issued. The stamps cost 100 pruta each.

TEL AVIV

★ Lecture:—

"The Semantic Approach to History," Professor R. Koebner, of the Hebrew University, British Council Library, 68 Rehov Hayarkon, 8.15 p.m.

★ Exhibitions:—

Paintings by "The Independents" Adam, Wiesenfeld, Harouti Calaherra, Shulman, Katz Art Gallery, 97 Dizengoff Road, 10-1, 5-7.

1) Jacob Wechsler, recent oil paintings, 1954. 2) Drawings by Masters of the Italian Renaissance (reproductions). Open daily 10-4; Fridays, Saturdays 10-1; Sundays 4-10 p.m. — Tel Aviv Museum.

Victor Marchese, Argentine Sculptor, Z.O.A. House (10-12; 6-8).

★ Theatre:—

Habimah, "The Caine Mutiny," Habimah, 8 p.m.

"Casablan," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 7 and 9.15 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Rotary: —

Rabbi M. Pekarsky, Director of the B'nai Brith Beit Hillel Foundation at the Hebrew University, "Beit Hillel," Appinger's Restaurant, 1.15 p.m.

★ Exhibition:—

Drawings and Watercolours by 20th Century British Artists, Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

Oil paintings, Gouaches and Monotypes by Yehoshua Bauernfreund, Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

★ Theatre:—

Habimah, "Hedva and I", Habimah, 6.30 p.m.

NATANYA

★ Theatre:—

"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Armon, 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Zirafron:—

Circus Revue, 4 p.m.

Josephine Baker with a grand Circus Revue, 6.30 & 9.30 p.m.

★ Theatre:—

Do-Re-Mi, "Rose from Istanbul," Rama Hall, 4 and 8.15 p.m.

Hebrew Campaign Decorates Streets

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Brightly coloured Hebrew banners, calling on the public to learn Hebrew, continue to attract more than passing glances from pedestrians in Ben Yehuda, Hapoalim and Herbert Samuel Streets in Jerusalem. The banners, an effective part of the Hebrew Language Campaign, read (in Hebrew).

"Hebrew Tears Down (communication) Barriers."

"One Language, One Heart."

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Sewer Connection To Be Made One Year After Pipe Buried

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The cesspits of 40 houses in the heart of the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem are soon to be connected to a main sewer line a year after the line was laid and buried. The houses belong to the Development Authority which is the landlord of most of the houses in the Baka'a and Katamon quarters and the German and Greek Colonies.

Connecting these houses now to the line, which was built by the Ministry of Labour for a Civil Servants' housing project, will entail a much greater financial outlay, perhaps up to 30 per cent more than it would have if the job had been done at the proper time.

A spokesman for the Development Authority told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that when the Jerusalem Municipality asked the Authority to make the connections a year ago, the Authority replied that it would do so gladly if the Municipality would authorize it and thus obviate the necessity of dealing with the Ministry of Labour.

The Municipality, he said, replied that it could issue such authorization only after the main line had been completed and handed over to the city.

Since no agreement was reached with the Labour Ministry about participation in the cost of the main sewer, the latter in the meantime completed the pipeline and covered it over, he stated.

Work on connecting the 40 houses will be started in the near future. It will cost about IL.20,000 and will solve the problem of chronically overflowing cesspits in Bilu, Lamed Heh, Mehalkei Mayim, Gadna and Sharayot Streets.

Payment to the Municipality for sanitation work carried out on Development Authority property has always been prompt, although bills have sometimes been presented several years late, the spokesman continued. For example, in the 1953/54 fiscal year, the Authority paid the Municipality IL.20,000 for work finished in 1950/51.

During the present 1954/55 fiscal year, the Authority plans to expend IL.20,000 (IL.40,000 in all) on sanitary needs, and another IL.45,000 on public works such as building and repairing roads and laying main sewer lines.

Forty other houses, about half of them in Rehov Hashahar in the Germany Colony, have already been connected to a main sewer line built by the Authority. In addition, more than 200 sanitation defects, such as faulty cesspits, have been repaired.

Municipal officials say that 75 per cent of the Municipality's IL.80,000 annual budget earmarked for emptying cesspits is spent on property belonging to the Development Authority. These houses were built to accommodate two or three families. They now hold nine or ten.

The remaining 25 per cent of the budget is said to go for emptying cesspits in the Yemin Moshe, Talpiot and Mekor Haim quarters where most of the houses are privately owned.

Officials of the Municipal Sanitation Department believe that if the Development Authority, which is now connecting some of its houses to main sewers, could be sued in the same manner as can a private individual, it would speed up this vital work. For example, Mr. Carlos Masso, who owns a block of buildings in the German Colony, was recently brought to trial in the Municipal Court, through his advocate, Dr. Joseph Rosner. (Mr. Masso, a Christian Arab, has been abroad for several years.) The houses are soon to be connected to the main sewer line which runs only a few metres away.

CITY DENIES DUTY TO COVER CISTERN

Hearings on a IL.14,000 compensation claim against the 'Mayor, Councillors and citizens of Jerusalem' presented by a Jerusalem advocate who injured his leg because of an uncovered rain cistern, began yesterday before Mr. H.E. Baker, Alternating President of the Jerusalem District Court.

The appellant, Mr. Mordechai Bedolah, claimed that in January of last year, his foot slipped into an uncovered cistern near "The Pillars" in Jaffa Road and that as a result he had lost 20 per cent of his working capacity.

Counsel for the Municipality, Mrs. R. Nahmed, claimed that the cistern did not belong to the city and it was therefore not responsible for covering it.

Mr. H. Or is appearing for the appellant. *(Itim)*

Nazi Victims Can Reclaim Nationality

BONN, Tuesday (INA). — Acting on the suggestion of the Central Welfare Agency of Jews in Germany the Social Democrats in the Parliament introduced a clause in the new West German nationality act which entitled refugees who fled Germany to escape Nazi persecution to reinstatement of their citizenship if they so demand. The nationality act was subsequently adopted.

The present nationality or residence of Germans demanding their citizenship will have no bearing on their rights.

SNARK. — The Snark pilotless bomber, reported to have a range of more than 6,400 kms. is now being tested at a U.S. air force centre in Florida, according to the Northrop Aircraft Company, makers of the plane.

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Cooperatives Help Bring World Peace

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Mr. Albin Johansen, head of the Swedish Cooperative Movement, said that he believed cooperatives were helping the drive towards world peace. He was speaking at a dinner held in his honour by the Histadrut Central Committee here on Sunday night. Freedom in peace, Mr. Johansen said, was essential for the development of man. He added that he was very much impressed by the Histadrut-owned industry he saw here. Mr. M. Namir, Secretary General of the Histadrut and Mr. Z. Onn, Secretary General of Hevrat Ovdim, greeted the guest.

87m. Litres Milk

During the first ten months of 1954, 87.1 million litres of cow's milk was supplied to the market, as were 226 million eggs for eating, 115.4 tons of vegetables and 33.7 tons of potatoes, according to the Monthly Statistical Bulletin (Part II) for December.

Compared with the corresponding period last year, this represents an increase of 17 per cent in the milk supply, five per cent in eggs and 26 per cent in potatoes. The supply of vegetables, on the other hand, dropped by four per cent.

MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday had been declared General Memorial Day for the victims of Nazi persecution, the Chief Rabbinate has announced. Services will be held in synagogues throughout the country on that day. The main one will be three o'clock in the afternoon on Mt. Zion.

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Wolves Lose Twice, Drop from Lead

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Wolverhampton Wanderers, the headline soccer club of Britain, took its second consecutive beating from Everton, and have been ousted from the leadership of the First Division yesterday.

On Christmas Day Everton beat the Wolves three-one on the leaders ground, and they followed with a three-two win yesterday bouncing the Wolves into the runner-up spot.

Meanwhile, Sunderland and Huddersfield played one-one ties in their two matches, and the one point gained by Sunderland handed them the first division leadership. Charlton held on to third placing with a three-zero win on Christmas Day and a two-two draw yesterday against Sheffield Wednesday.

The best performances by London teams in these two holiday games were those of Tottenham and Arsenal. In their first match, Tottenham scored a two-one win on the Bolton ground, and in the return match registered a two-zero win to share the honors with Everton of being the only teams in the First Division to win both their holiday games.

Arsenal followed up their narrow one-zero Christmas Day win with a one-one tie on the Chelsea ground, gaining them three valuable points in their struggle to avoid relegation to the Second Division.

Aston Villa, who only played one holiday match, provided one of the day's surprises with their narrow one goal win on the ground of powerful Manchester United. Sheffield Wednesday's one point from their two holiday games kept them in the last place in the standings, while just above them Leicester, who took a one-zero home beating from Sheffield United, are only separated by two points.

RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: Div. I: Chelsea 1, Arsenal 1; Everton 3, Wolves 2; Huddersf'ld 1, Sunderl'd 1; Leic C. 0, Sheff. U. 1; Man. U. 0, Aston V. 1; Newcastle 2, Man. C. 0; Portsm'th 3, Blackp'l 0; Preston 0, Burnley 1; Sheff. W. 2, Charlton 2; Tottenham 2, Bolton 0; West Brom. 1, Cardiff 0. Div. II: Blackburn 7, Donc R. 2; Bris. R. 1, Notts C 4; Bury 1, Stoke 1; Derby 0, West Ham 0; Hull 0, Luton 4; Ipswich 2, Liverp'l 0; Linc. C 2, Rotherham 3; Middlesbro 1, Leeds 0; Notts F. 0, Birm'gham 2; Port V. 4, Fulham 0; Swansea 4, Plym'th 2.

U.S. Regain Davis Cup

SYDNEY, Tuesday (Reuter). — The U.S. regained the Davis Cup lawn tennis trophy by taking the doubles for a winning 3-0 lead over Australia in the challenge round here today.

Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert, who yesterday won their singles matches, beat Lewis Hoad and Ken Rosewall, 6/2, 4/6, 6/2, 10/8.

The Davis Cup, emblem of the world lawn tennis team championship, had been held by Australia since 1950. The United States were challengers this year for the fifth year in succession.

ALLIANCE INSTALLS NEW MACHINERY

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Tire making equipment which arrived in Haifa Port from Akron, Ohio, was installed at the factory of the Alliance Tire and Rubber Company in Hadera and was put into service 72 hours later, expanding capacity by 40 per cent. "The plant was planned and geared for higher capacity from the beginning, but three days for unloading the machines from the boat, hauling them to Hadera and setting them to work is still good time," the Alliance management said.

The equipment, of latest design, cost $100,000 and installation another IL.25,000. The plant works in three shifts, and half the output is exported to seven countries, yielding an income of $100,000 a month. Monthly sales now average IL.500,000.

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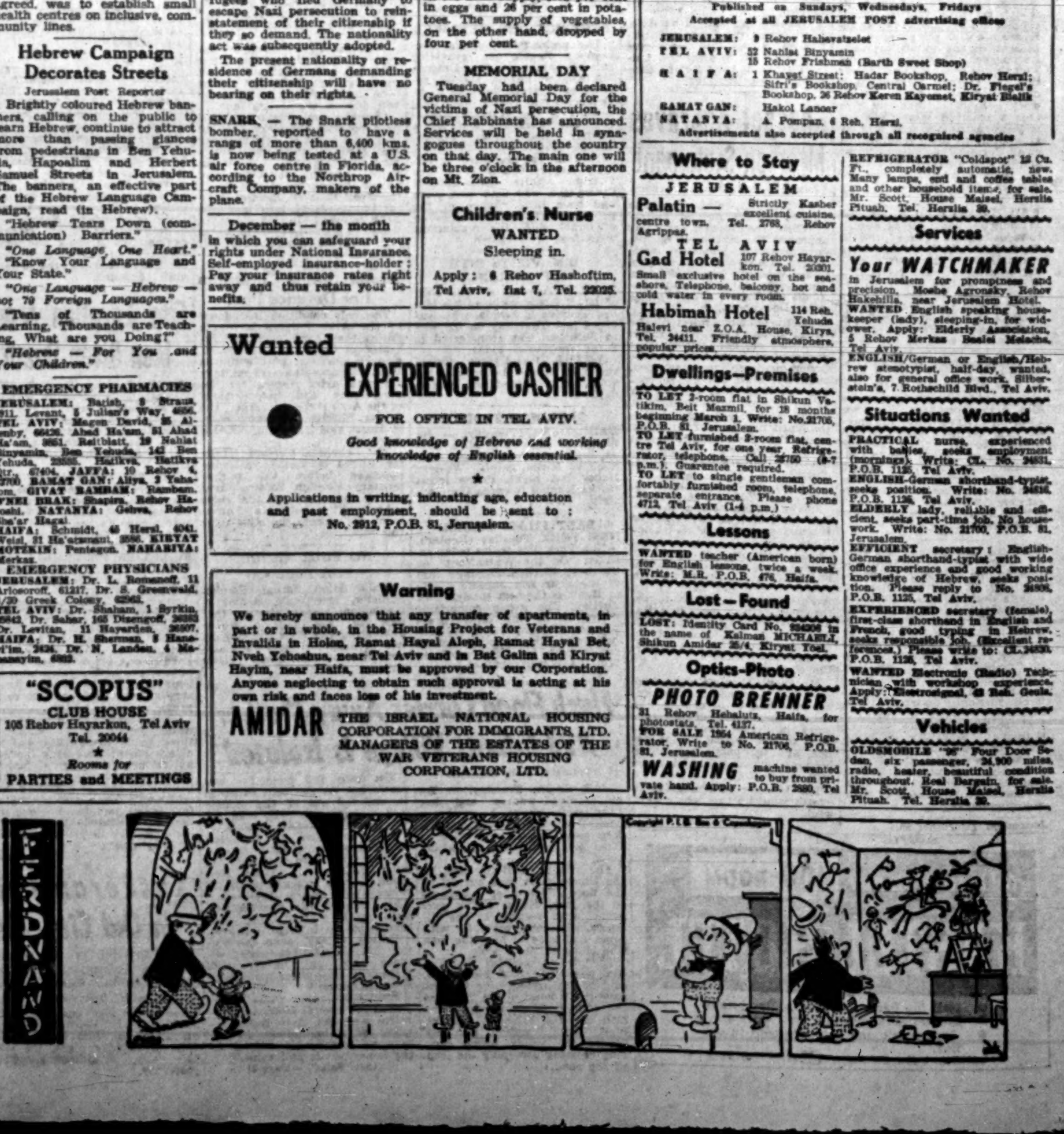

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Further showers, mainly in central and northern Israel, but with fair spells. Isolated thunderstorms in the North.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	90	3	6	7
Tiberias	55	10	15	16
Haifa Port	83	11	13	13
Natanya	96	9	14	15
Tel Aviv Port	85	9	16	17
Tel Aviv Kirya	86	8	[illegible]	13
Lydda Airport	68	8	13	14
Jerusalem	74	4	7	8
Beersheba	64	6	12	13
S'dom	—	10	—	17
Eilat	49	3	17	18

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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PROBLEMS OF THE Sephardi community were discussed at a meeting in Ramat Gan on Monday of community leaders of Iraqi origin. Mr. E. Eliachar, M.K., and Mr. D. Siton, Jerusalem Councillor, addressed the meeting which decided to establish a committee to organize a comprehensive information programme for the Iraqi community in the Ramat Gan area.

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CLAIMING THAT in recent months the Ramat Gan monthly magazine has become "sensational and cheap," Labour Councillors have appealed to Mayor A. Krinizi to bring about a change. The new editor of the journal is Mr. Ze'ev Eltager, of "Yediot Ahronot."

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SOME 100 teachers and counsellors participated in a pedagogical conference of agricultural schools which took place yesterday at the Mikve Israel Agricultural School. Among the problems discussed were the syllabus and the place of agricultural and humanistic studies in the curriculum.

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FOR BEING in possession of 7.689 kgs. of hashish, Machlof Tamo, 28, of Jaffa, and his wife, Saudac, received suspended sentences of nine and six months respectively and were fined IL.600 by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

President Receives Brazil Minister

In presenting his letters of credence to President Ben-Zvi in Jerusalem yesterday, the new Brazilian Minister, Mr. Nelson Tabajara de Oliveira, recalled that Brazil had contributed to the founding of the State of Israel "by sending a praise-worthy group of people who devotedly participate in the noble efforts of the kibbutzim Ga'ash and Bror Hayil."

In his reply, the President said in part:

"Ours is a young State, though we are an ancient people, and we are well aware that there is much that we may learn from your country — which, with its large and vigorous population drawn from many races and its immeasurable natural resources, has its future marked out for it as one of the great Powers of the modern world."

The presentation ceremony began when the Minister arrived at Beit Hanassi at 12 noon. The Defence Forces Band played the Brazilian national anthem and an honour guard of military police presented arms.

After presenting his letters of credence, Mr. de Oliveira presented to the President Mr. Lyle Amaury Tarisse da Fontoura, Second Secretary in the Brazilian Legation.

The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, and the Director General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Walter Eytan, were present.

TILE FACTORY STRIKE FOR ARBITRATION

KFAR SABA, Tuesday. — The month-old labour dispute in the Ramaff tile factory in Ramat Hasharon was temporarily settled today, when representatives of the factory and the local Labour Council met, at the request of the Chairman of the Local Council, and agreed to bring the dispute for arbitration by the Labour Ministry.

The dispute is over the insistence of the management to engage only workers of the Herut Federation of Labour.

MINISTERS SEE PREVIEW OF ROBE

A private screening of the film "The Robe" depicting the birth of Christianity was seen by the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Minister of the Interior, Mr. I. Rokach and the Minister for Religious Affairs, Mr. Moshe Shapiro and a few invited guests at the Orion cinema yesterday.

The film has not yet been passed for public exhibition.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT: Fillet: 150 gms., Nun 19, Temp. 28, 550 pr. per kg.; heavy labourers: 400 gms., coupon 85. Frozen meat for invalids: 500 gms., I.M.A. coupons dated Dec. 26.

HAIFA AND SHOMRON DISTRICT: Frozen meat for Christian community: 100 gms., Tav Bet 6, Temp. 29. Invalids: 500 gms., Het Gimmel 34. Haifa Port workers: 500 gms., meat stamp 52. Fish Fillet: Greater Haifa, 150 gms., Nun 19, Temp. 28. Heavy physical labourers: 400 gms., coupon 85.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Frozen meat for Arab population: 100 gms., Tav Bet 6, Temp. 29. Invalids: 500 gms., Het Gimmel 34. Plaice fish: free sale. Fillet for heavy labourers, 400 gms., coupon 85.

TIBERIAS: Vacationers living in private homes, 100 gms. frozen meat, special stamp.

Bus Firms to Demand 25% Fare Rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—A strong appeal for an immediate 25 per cent rise in fares will be made by the three bus cooperatives to Mr. Joseph Saphir, the Minister of Communications, at a meeting to be held at the Kirya here on Friday.

The managements of the cooperatives, Eshed, Dan and Hamekasher, met here today to formulate their approach to the Minister.

A spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that their financial situation following the recent cost-of-living increase has become "critical." This increase was the straw which broke the camel's back, the bus companies claim.

The cooperatives argue that Mr. Saphir, as well as the Ministry of Finance, had explicitly promised a reply to their demands for increased fares by December 31, following the current public investigation into passenger transport. However, the commission is far from formulating its conclusions. At its last meeting on Sunday, only three out of the nine members turned up, the bus companies' spokesman pointed out.

Three Injured In Road Accidents

Jerusalem Post Staff

HADERA, Tuesday. — A cyclist, Mr. Haim Katz, 57, was knocked down by a lorry in the main street of Pardess Hana last night. He was taken to the Rambam Hospital in Haifa. The driver has been detained.

When the truck driven by I. Rapaport, of Ramat Gan, swerved into the ditch because of mechanical fault near Ramatayim yesterday, Mrs. Hela Rosenzweig, 40, was injured and taken to the Tel Hashomer Hospital.

Mr. Haim Katz, 23, of Kfar Saba, received serious head injuries yesterday in a collision with a truck near the port area in Haifa. He was taken to the Rothschild Hospital, where his condition was described as serious.

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Convicted of causing the death of a five-year-old child through careless, but not criminal, driving, Eliezer Frenkel, 22, of Tel Aviv, was today sentenced by the Tel Aviv District Court to a four-month suspended sentence and fined IL.200.

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An Eshed bus driver, Mr. Joseph Levi, today lodged a complaint with the police that the barrier at the level crossing between Ramle and Lydda was let down only after the train had already partially passed the road level. Mr. Levi stated that he avoided a tragic accident by a split second.

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Tel Aviv Scheme Of Public Works Approved

By Our Labour Correspondent

Agreement was reached yesterday between the Tel Aviv Municipality and the Ministries of Labour and the Interior providing jobs for 250 unemployed from January to April for which the Municipality will receive a loan of IL.200,000.

Two committees have been at work on the matter for the last two weeks, one to clarify the financial questions involved, and the other to ensure that the works undertaken should be of a productive nature. Mr. Haim Levanon, the Mayor of Tel Aviv, had an interview with Mr. Rokach, the Minister of the Interior, in Jerusalem, to discuss public works and other questions rotating to the Municipality's activities.

The Mayor had notified the Ministries of Labour and the Interior on Monday that he would not be responsible for the consequences if steps were not taken to provide work for the unemployed in the new year, since the Municipality had no funds to cover public works after December 31st.

Mr. Levanon is also understood to have discussed with Mr. Rokach yesterday the threatened strike of 900 of the Municipality's temporary employees, who state that they have not yet received their November salaries.

Moshavim to Adopt New Settlements

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A promise to "adopt" immigrant settlements and assist them with communal, cultural and educational problems, was made at a meeting attended by some 40 representatives of veteran moshavim, at the headquarters of their organization here yesterday.

Mr. Ya'acov Uri, M.K., said that the adoption scheme represented the first stage in the training of the new settlers and that, with the help of the older settlements, the new villages would achieve independence more speedily.

Mr. Yitzhak Korn, Secretary General of the Moshavim Organization, announced that a beginning to the scheme had already been made in Emek Hefer, where five new immigrant settlements had been adopted. The veteran settlements would benefit from the adoption scheme by coming into closer contact with the everyday problems facing the new settlers.

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Changing Sexes Against the Law

The Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, ruled yesterday that an operation to change the sex of an individual from male to female would be a violation of the criminal law and could not be permitted even if requested by the individual, "Ma'ariv" reported yesterday.

The ruling was made at the request of the Ministry of Health, after it had passed on to Mr. Cohen the opinion of the country's leading psychiatrists and sexologists. The opinion recommends a "sex operation" for a man who suffers severe psychological trauma and who might be cured by an operation of this sort.

Josephine Baker Refused Adoption Permit

Miss Josephine Baker, the famous artiste now appearing in Israel, has been refused a permit by the Ministry for Social Welfare to adopt a boy here and take him abroad.

In her letter to the Ministry, Miss Baker stated that the efforts of her husband and herself to bring up their adopted children was aimed at proving to the world that persons of different races and religions could live harmoniously together and at the same time be faithful to their own religions. Their other adopted children come from Senegal, Finland, Japan, Korea, India and France and are of the Catholic, Protestant, Buddhist, Moslem and Shinto faiths.

Miss Baker asked for an eight-month-old child, named Moshe, stating that the child would be brought up in his own religion. At the age of 10 he would be brought back to Israel to live in a Jewish home for four years. The children would be raised on her 280 hectare estate and would have the best educational and medical care, she declared.

Mme Baker is to give a benefit concert for the Wizo and the Working Women's Council on Saturday.

Enquiry in Jordan For Missing Expert

A Canadian chemical expert, Albert Stone, 28, who was invited to Israel by the Dead Sea Works, has been missing for four days. He arrived in this country on December 20 and was staying at the Palatin Hotel in Jerusalem. On the morning of the 24th he left for the Dead Sea Works and has not been seen since.

Israel has asked Arab Legion authorities to ascertain if the visitor crossed the lines by mistake.

Mr. Stone is thin, sunburned has brown eyes, is 170 cm. tall, wears a blue gabardine coat and speaks English, French and some Yiddish.

In the course of the search for the chemist, it was learned that a Jerusalem resident, Bedin David, 54, who has been missing since last Wednesday, is in the hands of the Arab Legion and is being held in the Ramallah prison. He apparently crossed the border in error. *(Itim)*

FRANCE

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finally voted by the Assembly.

- The Franco-German Saar agreement has likewise been finally adopted.
- The admission of Germany into NATO has been voted.
- The Assembly has adopted a clause providing that the instruments of ratification for the Paris agreements and for the Franco-Saar agreement shall be deposited simultaneously. This is in order to make sure Germany has finally accepted the Saar accord before the Paris agreements can go into effect.

The decision about Germany entering NATO and the decision about the instruments of ratification form part of the same bill laid before the Assembly. Each part has been approved separately, but French parliamentary procedure requires that a bill of more than one clause must also be voted upon as a whole.

In the vote on German entry into NATO, only the Communists and fellow-travelling Progressives were able to maintain Party unity. They voted solidly against Germany.

Support for the bill came largely from the Socialists (largest Party in the Assembly), M. Mendes-France's own Radical Socialists, the Social Republicans (Gaullists), Independent Republicans, Independent Peasants, former Premier Rene Pleven's little UDSR group, and the dissident Gaullists.

The Catholic Popular Republicans voted largely against the bill.

The Communists did everything possible to block passage of the measures, both inside and outside the Legislative Hall. They stationed pickets outside the Assembly and organized groups of petitioners who came to Paris to halt German rearmament.

In committees they used every possible trick to delay, postpone or kill ratification.

For example, one Communist, M. Robert Ballanger, tried to get M. Mendes-France's new bill on the Western European Union forced into the Steering Committee before it went to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Premier last night once again proved a tough parliamentary warrior. For four or five hours he had to fight Communists and Catholic Popular Republican guerillas sniping at him in the jungle of parliamentary procedure.

His enemies managed to drag out the proceedings until after 3 a.m. GMT (5 a.m. Israel time), but the end result was what the Premier had originally planned; the final vote on the Protocol rejected by 21 votes on Friday, will be decided upon tomorrow.

The parliamentary sitting lasted for 18 hours. *(Reuter, UP)*

Boy Has Seizure In 'Rami' Trial

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — While evidence was being given before Magistrate B. Giladi during the hearing of charges against eight boys for participating in the murder of Rami Rosenberg, the boy who allegedly stabbed Rami had to be taken from the courtroom as he begun suffering from convulsions.

A statement which Mr. Ya'acov Rosen, 20, of Rehovot had made to the police was being read when the accused began shivering. In the statment, Mr. Rosen said that he had seen the accused take a dagger from his pocket and strike a member of the youth club. This boy then shouted "knife," staggered a few paces and then fell.

The witness added that he had been warned by another of the accused not to tell the whole truth otherwise "things would be made difficult" for him later. He said that he had been in the company of three of the accused on the night of the incident and had heard it suggested that they go to the youth club.

On their arrival, he said, the accused boys began fighting with members of the club.

A strong police guard brought into court Bustenai ("Busti") Saha, 24, of Rehovot who is at present serving an eight-month prison sentence for assaulting the police. "Busti" told the court that when he had been informed by the police about the killing he had gone to look for the boys "as any citizen would have done."

The hearing will continue on January 18. *(Itim)*

ARSON SUSPECTED IN BEERSHEBA

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — For the second time in a week the kiosk of Mr. M. Dahan, opposite the Keren cinema here, has been burned out by what local police suspect to be the first appearance of an arsonist in the town.

MAN DIES IN STREET

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Israel Basat, 67, of 37 Rehov Wolfson here, collapsed and died while crossing Rehov Merkaz Mischari this morning. The body was taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital.

Flees with Girl During Trial for Abduction

Peter Antonof, 28, a Russian Christian, who is standing trial in the Jerusalem District Court for abducting a 15-year-old girl from her parents, has been missing together with the girl for a month, it was revealed yesterday.

The girl disappeared from the home of a Jerusalem family, where she had been placed by a probation officer, a few days after Antonof disappeared during his release on bail. He last appeared in Court on November 21.

The trial of the accused, a mechanic, has been postponed, at the request of the prosecution, until the two are found. *(Itim)*

SHOPKEEPER TELLS OF BRIBE TO INSPECTOR

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A prosecution witness in the trial of Gershon Ashkenazi and Shlomo Kirshner, Municipal Inspectors, for receiving bribes, told the District Court here today details of his payments to the accused. The witness, Mr. Eliezer Lazaux, a shop-keeper at 40 Rehov Hacarmel here, testified that 16 months ago the accused gave him an order to remove the stall outside his shop. Ashkenazi, Mr. Lazar declared, let him continue using the stall but for 12 consecutive weeks he came to the shop, bought goods for about IL.7, gave him a pound note and pocketed 900 pruta change.

Later, when he wanted to use a stall abandoned by another vendor, Ashkenazi asked him for IL.200, Mr. Lazar testified. He agreed to give him IL.150 but summoned the police to witness the transaction, in which Kirshner took part on behalf of Ashkenazi.

The hearing was adjourned until Friday. *(Itim)*

GALILEE DISTRICT ENGINEER ON TRIAL

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Galilee District Engineer, Nuriel Jacobson, 45, of Tel Aviv is to be brought before the District Court here on charges of violation of trust, falsification of accounts and false claims, the police have announced.

He allegedly used IL.2,500 for closing the balcony and adding one room to his residence at the District Representative's house in Tiberias, and entered this sum in the building maintenance budget report of 1952.

Anti-Biotics And Pencils Earn $1m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

One hundred and fifty different types of pencils are manufactured by Jerusalem Pencils, Ltd., the press was told yesterday during a tour of Jerusalem's Industrial Zone in Romema. The other factories visited were the Dura plastic works, the Rafa Laboratories, the Jerusalem Shoe Corporation and the Tahorah Metal Works.

The role of the Jerusalem Economic Corporation in the development of the Industrial Zone was pointed out. The corporation is semi-public in nature, some of its participants being the Government, the Jewish National Fund, the Jerusalem Municipality, the Histadrut, and private investors.

After the Jerusalem Municipality expropriated 400 dunams of land in the Romema district, the Corporation put up factory buildings which were then handed to enterprises either on terms of lease or of hire-purchase.

The Corporation initiates programmes for industrial enterprises, obtains necessary licences and assists in obtaining credits.

At the Rafa Laboratories, the group was told of the anti-biotics produced — mainly penicillin and streptomycin, a large portion of which is exported.

250 Employees

The laboratories employ 150 persons in one shift, and the glass, rubber and cartons used employ over 100 additional persons in Jerusalem.

The firm produces the typhoid and tetanus serum used by the Defence Forces, as well as diphtheria anti-toxin. It also manufactures preparations to prevent poultry diseases, which are sold both locally and abroad.

Exports this year will amount to approximately $700,000, with Greece and Turkey the chief customers.

Jerusalem Pencils, Ltd., produces primarily for export, Dr. A. Rafaeli the firm's general manager, stated, 80% of production going abroad. The firm has sold pencils to 25 countries, with Norway, Argentina and Canada ranking as the largest buyers.

In 1953, the value of the exports totalled $170,000 while this year it is expected to be $200,000. For 1955, orders from Argentina alone amount to $155,000.

Although we cannot compete with Japanese pencil manufacturers, we can meet the competition of Czech and German firms, Dr. Rafaeli said, adding that the firm's slogan was: "Anything the Germans can do we can do too."

The firm's goal is to export $500,000 worth of pencils a year, and it plans to branch out into the production of the wooden slats used in pencil manufacture, and then export the slats, principally to Spain, Italy and Greece.

The slats are now imported from the U.S., as is simple graphite. On the other hand, coloured graphite, paint, laquer and the packing cartons used for pencils are all locally produced.

The firm employs an average of 80 workers, who come from 27 countries, and it produces 1,000 gross of pencils in an eight-hour shift. Half the employees are women. Only 50% of the local market is supplied by local pencils.

Dura, Ltd., the second plant visited, produces plastics as well as dies for plastics. The dies are both for export and for use in local production. Ninety per cent of the plastic products are containers of one kind of another, including caps for aluminium tubes, cases for Globus pens, containers for Emek cheese, and bottle and egg trays for refrigerators.

There are about 40 plastics firms in the country, but Dura, with 40 workers, is one of the largest.

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Torrential Rains Break Over Coast

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Torrential rains, at times reaching cloud-burst violence and accompanied by thunder and sweeping winds, overwhelmed the drainage net here, forming deep water pools in low-lying areas.

The living quarters of the Hatikva, Shapira, and Florentine quarters here and the Sachne Darwish tin and wooden huts quarter on the border of Jaffa and Bat Yam, suffered the worst. Several houses in this area have been evacuated on instructions from the fire brigade, which stated tonight that if the rain does not persist the houses should dry by tomorrow.

A fire brigade tender took home 30 children of the day nursery at 17 Rehov Emek Israel here, which was surrounded by water this afternoon.

In the Sakia Alef ma'bara on the Lydda Airport road near here, 25 stone houses were cut off by a pool of water half-a-metre deep.

In Rehov Frishman this afternoon, a tender burned down as as result of a fire caused from a short circuit in the wet vehicle. At the height of the worst downpours main streets here looked like rushing rivers, and many houses were temporarily isolated.

On the lighter side of the rough weather, youths with wheel barrows transferred ladies through flooded streets for a fee.

In Haifa rain fell all day today, with hail at times in the suburbs. In the Port, work came to an almost complete standstill. Ships anchored in Tel Aviv and Jaffa ports sailed for the calmer shelter of Haifa harbour. The s.s. Jerusalem, sailed for Marseilles this evening, after a few hours' wait for the weather to improve.

Although streets in Hadar Hacarmel and the lower town were somewhat flooded and a nuisance to pedestrians, the fire brigade received no calls for help.

Safad was enveloped in a thick mist this evening, with a violent storm howling through the mountains at 35 kilometres an hour.

At Natanya a number of streets were flooded and rainwater flowed into shops and dwellings in the centre of the city. Pumps were temporarily ineffective in clearing the streets and traffic was held up for a time.

The whole Petah Tikva area was inundated and in some places families had to be moved out of their houses.

There was no rain in Jerusalem or in the South.

In Emek Jezreel, farmers have no complaints about the rain. Their winter crops are sprouting just as they like them.

Accidents, Floods Kill 48 in S. America

RIO DE JANEIRO, Tuesday.—Forty-eight persons died in accidents and floods in Brazil, Peru and Colombia yesterday, it was reported here today.

Twenty-five persons were killed in floods which swept away many buildings and isolated the township of Carmen de Atrato in Colombia.

Seventeen were killed in Peru when a truck crowded with holiday celebrants fell down a 600-foot chasm when going to the Curahuasi fair.

Six persons were killed and 40 injured when a Brazil Central Railway passenger train rammed a stationary train filled with holiday travellers near Miguel Pereira. *(UP; Reuter)*

WINDS CAUSE DAMAGE IN LOS ANGELES AREA

LOS ANGELES, Tuesday (Reuter). — Winds of near hurricane force sweeping out of the desert have caused millions of dollars worth of damage in the Los Angeles area.

A warehouse fire spread by the winds to other warehouses, a factory and nearby trees, caused about $2.5m. worth of damage yesterday.

100,000 TONS OF PHOSPHATES

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — To mark the extraction of the 100,000th ton of phosphates from the Makhtesh Hagadol, a ceremony was held in the wind-swept Oron workers' camp last night. Aluf Shlomo Shamir and Mr. Ya'acov Weiss, manager of the Oron works, addressed the workers, praising their devotion and perseverance which made the extraction of the phosphates possible. The works had already earned the country the expenditure in foreign currency which was invested in the quarries.

A million working hours have been spent in the preparation and work in the Oron quarries, and a million litres of heavy fuel used to carry the phosphates north in the three years quarrying that has been in progress, the gathering was told.

Jordan Potash

Other Arab countries will participate in the Jordan project to extract potash from the Dead Sea, the Minister of Commerce told a press conference in Amman yesterday, the Arab News Agency reported.

The countries to participate in the project had promised at the recent Arab League Economic Ministers conference to announce their share of expenses within two months.

U.S. experts have estimated the cost of the project will be 4.2m. dinars.

Optimism Over Oil at Massada

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday.—Hopes are high that oil will be found at Massada, near S'dom, where preliminary drillings are now being carried out, Mr. Ya'akov Novak, General Manager of Israel Water Works, Ltd., stated yesterday. The road to Massada is now being made fit to carry heavy traffic and in mid-January a big rotary drill will be brought down to replace the small test drill now in use, he added.

Mr. Novak was accompanying a group, which included Dr. Dov Joseph, the Minister of Development. Today they visited the oil drilling being carried out at Rachme One, near Sde Boker. Drilling, which started recently, has reached a depth of 1,800 feet.

Also in the party were Mr. Castor, President of the new Continental Oil Company and Mr. Franklin, President of Husky Oil Company.

CITRUS EXPORT FIGURES RISING

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Citrus exports are expected to reach 1.1m. cases by next Friday, *The Jerusalem Post* learns from the Citrus Marketing Board. Some 250,000 are to be shipped during the rest of this week. January exports are scheduled at 1.4m. crates.

Storage room for fruit has been prepared in Jaffa port, which can handle 25,000 crates of citrus daily, weather permitting. There will be no export of citrus from Tel Aviv port, which is geared mainly for import goods.

Drop in Child Mortality Rate

RAMAT GAN, Tuesday. — Infant mortality in new immigrants centres of this area, which has a population of 30,000 decreased since 1950 from 157 to 53 per 1,000, it was stated here today at the corner-stone laying ceremony of a new Kupat Holim clinic. The drop was attributed by Dr. Moshe Feller to the four-fold increase in the volume of Kupat Holim services during the past four years.

In the Dan area there is a doctor for every 1,200 of the population and its 28 clinics are able to give a satisfactory service, he said.

The new clinic will mainly serve the *Shikun Amami* quarter here as well as the Borochov quarter.

Vatican's Reason For Ban on Cooperation

By **GEORGE LICHTHEIM,**
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Tuesday.—The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Griffin, has relinquished his office as one of the presidents of the Council of Christians and Jews, in accordance with the order from the Vatican to all Roman Catholic members of the Council to resign their membership (as reported earlier).

Other Roman Catholics in Britain who have resigned include Lord Perth and Lord Pakenham.

Although no public statement has been made either by the Roman Catholic hierarchy, or by representatives of the other religious bodies on the Council, it is nevertheless thought that the Vatican has been disturbed by a world-wide tendency for Catholics to accept a position of fellowship with other churches, and that a movement is under way to assert the uniqueness and primacy of the Roman Catholic outlook. Catholic cooperation with Protestants, at which the Vatican's move appears to be aimed, has become rather pronounced recently.

It is understood the Council will continue to function, and efforts will be made to restore some sort of organizational unity.

Cables in Brief

PEKING MAN. — Scientists gathered at the Chinese Academy of Science in Peking on Monday to mark the 25th anniversary of the discovery of the skull of the "Peking Man," the New China News Agency reported.

TREE. — A "New Year's tree" complete with electric light bulbs was flown on Monday to the Soviet Arctic station, "North Pole," for New Year celebrations, according to Moscow Radio.

LODGE.—President Eisenhower said yesterday that he would send to the Senate in January the nomination of Mr. John Davis Lodge, retiring governor of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Spain.

SAUDI ARABIA. — Saudi Arabia's expenditure for the current fiscal year was 1,335m. riyals (about £130m.), according to an announcement made in Mecca yesterday. The country's income was stated to be 1,043m. riyals.

ZAIN. — Queen Zain, mother of King Hussein of Jordan, yesterday left the London hospital where she had undergone a minor operation last week. She plans to fly to Lausanne, Switzerland, for her convalescence.

TRADE. — The Jordan Parliament yesterday approved a commercial agreement between Jordan and Yugoslavia exchanging goods and strengthening economic relations.

RECONCILIATED. — Ex-King Peter, of Yugoslavia, yesterday announced his reconciliation with Queen Alexandra who is staying with him in Switzerland after an estrangement lasting more than a year.

DEATH.—Sir Alexander Koewn, former Director-General of Egypt's European Department of the Ministry of Interior and once Egyptian Director-General of Foreign Affairs, died in Monte

ELECTROCUTED. — Three-year-old Walter Galletti was electrocuted when he touched an electric candle yesterday while playing under the Christmas tree at the village of Lonio, Italy.

BIAS. — Discrimination costs American business and industry $30,000m. a year, it was stated in a pamphlet issued yesterday by the American Conference of Christians and Jews.

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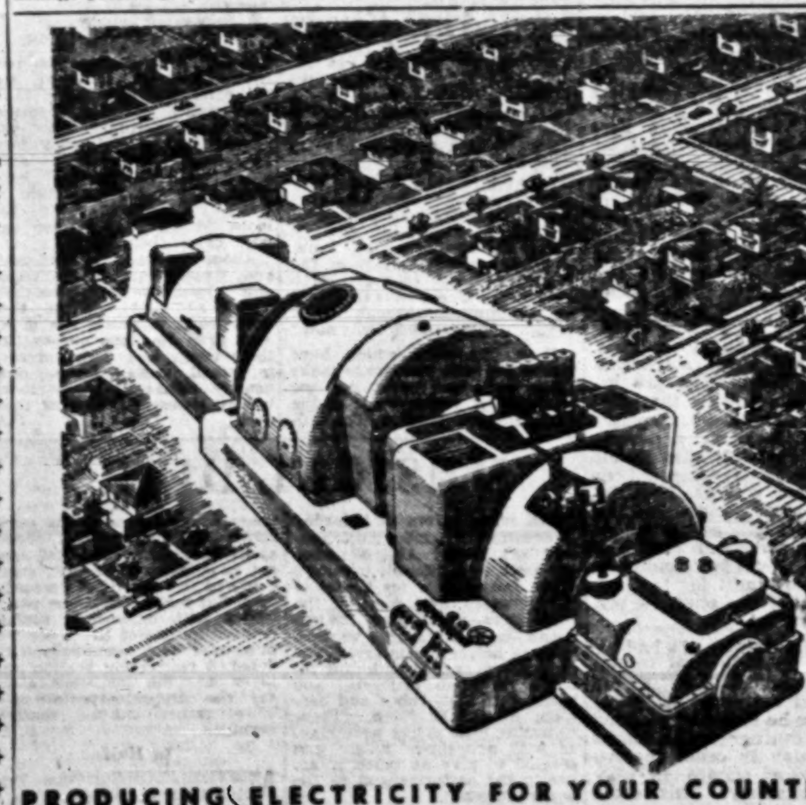

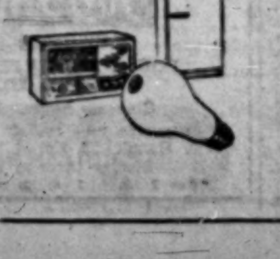

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DEATH ON THE ROADS

THE Minister of Transport, in reporting to the Knesset on traffic accidents, failed to satisfy the acute anxieties of the public on this mounting problem. What seemed to be lacking was a comprehensive probing of an evil which exists everywhere and which has been the subject of the most penetrating investigation and analysis in most countries. Inquiry has established that in the United States alone, more Americans were killed in traffic accidents since 1914 than in both world wars in which America was engaged.

What the public really expected was a careful analysis of the reasons for the high incidence of accidents in Israel, and of such contributing factors to the situation as the Minister of Communications might have discovered. Interest naturally centres on the road-rail crashes after the Kurdaneh disaster that claimed 14 lives. It appears that Mr. Saphir considers that he has to some extent bowed to public pressure in the matter of safeguarding level crossings, and it is true that all purely automatic warning signals may cause double disaster if they fail.

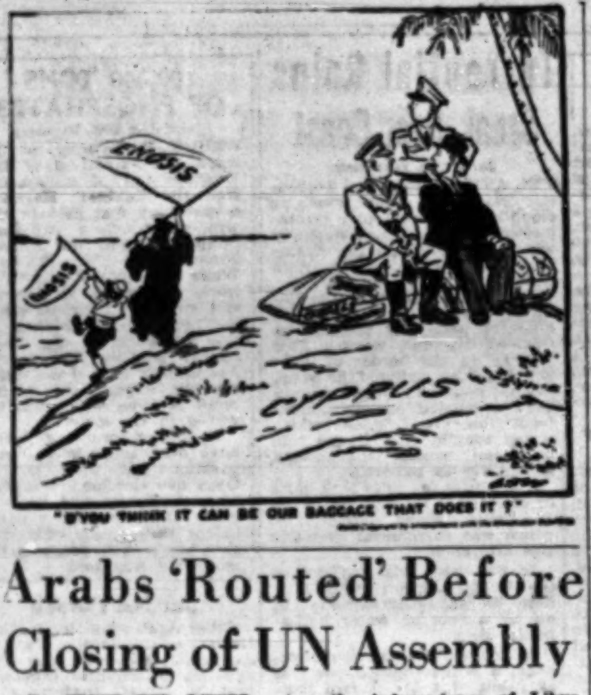
The Kurdaneh case has still to come before the courts, but there is no sign of vigorous action to prevent a recurrence. Even in his report to the Knesset the Minister largely smothered the Kurdaneh report by a mass of other information. Moreover, a certain emphasis was given the facts about accidents at level crossings which tended to obscure the true situation. Thus in one breath Mr. Saphir said that there had been as many accidents at guarded railway crossings as at unguarded ones. He did not make it sufficiently clear that in the former case the accident was that of the road vehicle actually crashing into the barrier and being saved by it from a worse fate.

No real improvement is going to take place in this country by this kind of shuffling approach. There are certain facts which must be accepted as axiomatic. The train has undisputed right-of-way. The driver must be guided and if necessary disciplined into safety measures. The minimum punishment for attempting to beat a train to a crossing by the driver of a public service vehicle ought to be a term of imprisonment followed by life disqualification.

One would also like to have heard in the debate a clearer plan for remodelling the roads of Israel, which are quite inadequate for modern traffic. The situation here might be summarized as: roads of English narrowness, automobiles of American wideness and drivers of happy-go-lucky, moronic carelessness — a combination which must cause joy and comfort to the angel of death.

The education of the driver is also a subject which has to be given the same attention here as in other lands. There are some authorities on road safety who are inclined to the view that psychological tests are necessary for the issue of a driving licence; certainly they should be mandatorily imposed on any driver who has been involved in an accident. Quite a considerable proportion of those at present in charge of vehicles would be found to be completely unfit for that responsibility if a scientific test were applied.

An innovation gaining ground in both the United States and Britain is for specified streets in large towns to be closed to wheeled traffic during certain hours of the day in order to give children a chance to play there in safety. This is the sort of intelligent suggestion which might engage the attention of those who are entrusted with the serious mandate to save innocent citizens from maiming and death. It is also in the line of modern trends in traffic safety to impose penalties on the careless pedestrian who is equally to blame with the motorist for traffic mishaps. In quite a number of cases, of course, such offenders pay with their lives or their limbs, but a sharp fine on the survivors might be a blessing in disguise.



"D'YOU THINK IT CAN BE OUR BAGGAGE THAT DOES IT ?"

Arabs 'Routed' Before Closing of UN Assembly

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

NEW YORK—THE United Nations Ninth General Assembly ended in a flurry of congratulations last week a day ahead of schedule. First of all the delegates and secretariat staff congratulated each other on ending in time for a peaceful Christmas at home. That in itself is unusual. Many an Assembly has been drawn out by interminable East-West wrangling so that instead of adjourning, the Assembly has recessed until after New Year.

At this Assembly, East-West differences were held to a minimum. The unanimous vote for President Eisenhower's atoms-for-peace plan told the story. This was probably the first time that the Soviet Union had voted with the United States on an important issue since the partition resolution of 1947. The sentiment of the delegates as they bade each other godspeed, was that this Assembly marked a turning point. "Coexistence" came out of this Assembly, as still only a pious attitude. But its delineation as a practical reality can now be seen in the distance. It is no longer a mirage.

Not only in the atomic debate, where the West made concessions to the Soviet position, and the late Andrei Vishinsky retaliated in kind, was the Soviet mood for conciliation discernible. Soviet readiness to participate in the work of the U.N. specialized agencies is part of the same picture. Moscow will now participate in the International Labour Office and UNESCO. Some observers point out that Mr. Molotov indicated at the Berlin conference that the Soviet Union intends increasingly to concentrate its diplomacy on the U.N. and that recent developments bear this out.

One group of delegates was not too happy on closing day. The Arabs were completely routed in the last week on the questions of Morocco, Tunis, West Irian (New Guinea) and Cyprus. The Arabs came into this Assembly with supreme confidence that on these colonial questions they would have the unquestioned support of most of Asia and Latin America. With this majority behind them, the Arabs would show that they were a power to be reckoned with on these and other questions and, in particular, anything remotely connected with Israel.

It didn't turn out that way. At this Assembly there was no Latin bloc and even the Arab-Asian bloc was divided as to desired goals, if not tactical manoeuvres. Some observers regard this development as a sign of the UN's maturity. The fragmentation of the blocs into individual states voting each question on its merits is welcomed in many quarters.

Israel, for her part, cast her vote on all questions according to her own national interests. The Israel delegation no longer votes for moral concepts such as the independence of Libya. On the question of freedom of the seas off the China Coast, Israel found herself supporting a Syrian resolution, which was also supported by the Soviet Union, because Israel is a maritime power vitally interested in the freedom of the seas, and, at the moment is engaged in an attempt to free one of her ships from Egyptian piracy.

On the question of allocating funds for translating certain documents into Arabic, Israel abstained. In general, Israel supports the fullest dissemination of U.N. documents; she counts Arabic as one of her own recognised languages and remembers that many Jews have played a significant role in Arabic culture, but she discerned behind this resolution a cynical motive of political enhancement for the Arab states. On the Arab refugees, Israel abstained because she did not like the preamble, but did want the agency, the goal of which is reintegration, continued for five years.

Arab Nuisance

On the whole, however, it was the Arabs who, as always, tried to interject denunciations of Israel into every debate, no matter on what question. On a subject as remote from Israel as the establishment of the International Finance Corporation, Syria and Iraq caused a momentary crisis by demanding that Israel remove herself from the list of sponsors of the resolution, which included a score of states. The U.S. then introduced a new resolution which was passed.

In the social committee, where Israel has been ably represented for several years by Zena Harman, progress has been obstructed by a noisy, obstreptious "ultra-progressive" bloc of two, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan. Coming from countries where human rights and freedom of information is unknown, and never having to refer back to their Governments for instructions, these two delegates, year after year, have so antagonised the rest of the committee that responsible members are loath to enter into debate with them, and those who have the most to contribute usually say the least. The fact is that the big powers don't really have their hearts in the work of this committee and the United States openly opposes the human rights covenant. But some progress was made at this session, and Mrs. Harman was one of those most active in getting things done. Her work was recognized on the last day when she was appointed to the important programme committee of UNICEF.

Other posts to which some delegates of Israel were elected in recognition of the contributions that they made at this Assembly were Arthur Liveran to the Secretary-General's committee to study and establish procedure for the review of judgments of the Administrative Tribunal, and Jacob Robinson to the committee studying the definition of aggression. Israel was also reappointed to the inactive Peace Observation Commission, but that was automatic.

NATURE NOTES

Ants Busier Than Ever

WHOEVER has eyes to see must these days notice the numerous little craters, exactly like miniature volcanoes, from five or six to 30 centimetres in diameter, that have sprung up everywhere.

Looking closer, you notice ants busily running or crawling in and out. Many bring grains of sand and deposit them neatly to build the walls of the crater. What you see are the workers of the Harvester ant (*Messor semirufus*). But where have they been all the summer through? Why begin this feverish activity now?

It is the rains which have forced the little builders to make these walls and what you see going on is repair work of the most temporary nature. The ceilings of the upper chambers have been ruined by the water, and the sand that has fallen in is now carried out and deposited round the entrance. Now and again, on warm and sunny days, you can even see these ants, which for months past have been busy collecting grain in their storehouses, bring the moist kernels out to dry and later carry them back!

About Hanukka, winged male and female (queens) harvester ants — rise into the air on their nuptial flight. When they come back to earth, the males soon drop dead, the queens lose their wings and seek entrance in small nests. Large ones usually refuse to accept them, having enough females of their own.

P.A.

MUSICAL DIARY

THE nine players at Saturday evening's chamber music concert, at the Tel Aviv Museum, sat down to a difficult evening's work. Despite the icy breeze in the unheated hall, most of the performers—particularly the two horns—were thoroughly warmed up long before the interval. The programme opened with four sonatas for two clarinets and horns with flute, oboe and bassoon, by C.P.E. Bach. These charming little pieces were played with noticeable relish and seemed to give as much pleasure to the performers as to the eager audience.

For Beethoven's Rondino in E flat Major, the flute made way for the second oboe and bassoon. The Rondino is a work of great elegance, and the originality with which the instruments are combined is remarkable. With it, the *ensemble* was at its best, preserving the rhythmic detail and acuteness of the composer's design, the points that lift a performance above mediocrity.

The Petite Symphonie of Francois Gounod was tackled in the same firm, artistic manner — though in parts rather hastily in view of the technical difficulties involved.

The assumption that a composer who adheres to the same forms and relationships necessarily becomes a mannerist, cannot be applied to Mozart, especially in the delightful Serenada in E flat major. This was punctuated with unmusical sounds emitted by one of the reeds but otherwise was beautifully rendered. A resounding ovation was given to the instrumentalists for the first-rate performance of a rather unusual musical event.

D. Y.

In Haifa

MENDELSSOHN'S Piano Trio in D Minor, Opus 49 No. 1, provided melodic, smoothly flowing chamber music for Saturday night's audience at the Beth Harofeh. The work was played by Pnina Salzmann (piano), Daniel Haftel (violin) and Zvi Hofmekler (cello), whose reading reflected its romantic atmosphere. Ravel's Piano Trio in A Minor, appealing to the more sophisticated listener, was remarkable in its clarity and freedom of phrasing. The intelligent and refined performance rendered by the trio, especially in the broad lines of the Passacaglia which rises to a powerful closing finale, gave life to the piece.

Beethoven's Piano Trio in E flat Major, Opus 1 No.1, opened the evening's programme.

G. W.-B.

Abroad

The Vienna-born composer, Erich W. Korngold, who now lives in the United States, has been invited to direct the musical parts of "Feuerzauber," a film on Richard Wagner, produced by William Dieterle.

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German Indemnities: University Left Out

By NORMAN BENTWICH

THE indemnities paid by the Federal German Republic to Israel include a substantial sum due to the Central Conference on Jewish Material Claims which, in the negotiations at The Hague in 1952, represented the Jewish communities of the world outside Israel. It was agreed at The Hague that the whole of the indemnities should be paid to the State of Israel which would credit the Conference with a proportion to be applied for the relief and rehabilitation of Nazi victims outside Israel and for cultural rehabilitation of the Jewish people.

Last year, the amount allocated to the Conference by Israel was $10m. and the greater part of that sum was used for the relief and rehabilitation of Jewish refugees. One tithe, however, of $900,000, was allocated for Jewish cultural purposes.

Not one dollar of that sum has been given to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, which is the principal cultural institution of the whole Jewish people.

This year, it is expected that the amount allocated for cultural purposes will be increased by one third, and will not be less than $1.2m. It is important that Jewish public opinion in Israel and abroad should be informed of the procedure of the Claims Conference and be able to make its voice heard.

Procedure and Allocations

The office of the Claims Conference is in New York, and the Executive Committee is composed principally of leading American Jews, representing different communal bodies. A board of directors which takes the final decisions includes representatives of the principal Jewish communities of the world. The Conference set up a sub-committee to make recommendations for the distribution from the fund for cultural purposes. The sub-committee considered the applications from Jewish bodies in all parts of the world, including an application from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem which was rejected. Let us see how the fund of $900,000 was in fact distributed.

More than half of it, $475,000, was allocated for scholarships and fellowships for Jewish studies. A substantial sum was given for refugee students in Yeshivot and for rabbinical seminaries. A grant was made to the Yiddish Institute. A grant of $100,000 was given for Jewish primary and secondary schools in many countries, including England. Other grants were made to the Yad Va'shem Organization, formed for gathering the records of the Nazi persecution and of the destroyed communities of Europe; and to the committee for establishing a monument in Paris to the Jewish martyrs.

Undisputable Claim

These are no doubt all good objects in their own way. But they can hardly be compared with the Hebrew University in their contribution to the cultural reconstruction of the Jewish people. The University submitted a request for the substantial grant as the principal successor to the Jewish institutions of higher learning in Germany, Austria and Central Europe, and also as the institution which had recieved a greater number of refugee professors, lecturers and students from Central Europe than any other. A large proportion of the 450 members of the academic staff and the 3,000 undergraduate students, now at the University, came to Israel as refugees from Nazi persecution.

No institution in the world has done so much to maintain scholarship and learning in the subjects of Jewish and Oriental Studies, Jewish Philosophy, History and Sociology, which were associated particularly with German Jewry. The application was rejected for the technical reason that the University and other institutions of higher learning in Israel must look to the Government of Israel for a grant from its major share in the indemnities paid by Germany.

It is true that the University, the Technion, and the Weizmann Institute do receive a substantial grant from the Government of Israel, though the grant to the University represents much less than half the budget. But it is surely right that the body representing Jewish communities outside Israel should grant to the University a share of the collective compensation for the destruction of Jewish schools and colleges in Europe.

The technical requirement of using the grants made by the Conference for objects outside Israel can easily be met. The grants could be made to the groups of Friends of the University in America, Great Britain and the British Commonwealth, to be used in those countries for research and further study in these special subjects of Jewish culture and learning by teachers and graduates of the University. The University rightly appropriates a considerable sum each year for these purposes.

Need for Endowments

While it is reasonable that a part of the cultral fund of the Conference should be used for immediate needs of Jewish educational institutions in countries of the Diaspora, something should be done with these large indemnities received from Germany for the permanent endowment of Jewish scholarship and learning.

The suggestion has been made that a portion of the fund should be set aside for a long-term programme of cultural reconstruction over a number of years, and in that programme the Hebrew University must have a primary place. An application has in fact been made to the Conference this year by the Friends of the Hebrew University on these lines for a fund which would provide for, research and advanced study, during a period of three years in the first place. This kind of fundamental research in Judaism is an essential element of the cultural reconstruction which is the aim of the department of the Claims Conference.

If the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Claims Conference cannot themselves decide on these applications, it would be fitting that they sohuld be submitted to some expert body representing the wise men of Jewry, who would have in view the essentials of the reconstruction of Jewish cultural values.

The Hebrew University must no longer be left out.

Readers' Letters

PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am requested by the President to correct an inaccuracy in the report in your issue of December 28, on his talk at the Press luncheon in Jerusalem the day before.

President Ben-Zvi did not say that the newspaper "Anfang" in Yiddish was the first modern newspaper in the country, nor that it was published in Jerusalem.

"Anfang" was the first workers' paper published in Jaffa in 1907. The modern Hebrew press in Jerusalem goes back 114 years. The first Labour papers were "Hapoel Hatzair" in Jaffa-Tel Aviv, and "He'Ahdut" in Jerusalem.

The President has further asked me to underline the fact that he expressed his regret that nearly the entire Hebrew press deserted Jerusalem, the cradle of Hebrew journalism, for Tel Aviv.

At the same time, the President wishes me to express his appreciation of the daily press which has remained faithful to the capital; *The Jerusalem Post* in English which has been at its post for 22 years now; the new Hebrew daily "Zmanim"; and the small number of other papers, among them "Hamodia" and "Hakol."

Yours etc., *R. SILVER*
The President Office
Jerusalem, December 24.

'VOLUNTEERS' EFFORT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your Knesset Correspondent's comment in Sunday's *Jerusalem Post* on Shurat Hamitnadvim gives an unfair picture of the work of the Association for better government and civic development.

Of course there are dangers in uncontrolled "snooping"; but even in a country like Great Britain, where "snooping" is particularly detested, there is an anti-bribery association which brings to government notice many cases of corruption each year.

Your Correspondent points out the terrible consequences of false denunciations. I would like to ask her to state which cases taken up by Shurat Hamitnadvim have been based on denunciations subsequently proved false.

The position in reality is quite different. Even when Shurat Hamidnadvim have acquired substantial evidence against the racketeers we all know are operating but who are very hard to catch, the Association often does not present the case to the Police until they have the whole picture even if it takes months of extra work.

What is needed for successful Police prosecution of corruption is evidence given by citizens who are willing to make statements from their own personal knowledge in open court and be cross-examined under oath. Few citizens are willing to give up the time so required or to become involved in such unsavoury matters.

Shurat Hamitnadvim is a body of citizens — *vigilantes* if you like; and *vigilantes* have played a great part in establishing law and order in the United States—who try to encourage their fellow citizens to do their public duty.

This is also one of the functions of the Press — ferreting out corruption and mis-government. *The Jerusalem Post* has done valiant work in recent months, laying bare some of the worst examples of Jerusalem municipal mismanagement.

This Association is not, as your Correspondent implies, a bunch of over-enthusiastic boy scouts. The active organizer, Mr. Eliakim Haetzni, is a recent graduate of the Hebrew University Law School and wise beyond his years. Although I am personally not a member of the Association, he and others of his colleagues have come to me on several occasions for advice and for material on methods in use in Great Britain and elsewhere for preventing the waste of public funds. I have always found him particularly aware of the point made in your article — the danger of false denunciations.

I am not here entering into the rights and wrongs of the Rosenberg case or any other case. All I ask for is support and not denunciations of the several groups in Jerusalem, including Shurat Hamitnadvim, working within strict constitutional limits to improve conditions in the capital city and elsewhere.

Yours etc.,
EDWIN SAMUEL
Jerusalem, December 26.

'ROBE' CENSORSHIP

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I should like to congratulate you on your leader of December 13, "Banning the Robe." I and many of my acquaintances believe that it is time for someone to become the spokesman for those people who are dissatisfied and disappointed with the whole situation leading to this type of religious censorship.

Yours, etc.,
ALFRED SAMUEL PREVS
Tel Aviv, Dec. 20.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I agree with you that film censorship of religious pictures would put us into a class with Saudi Arabia and Spain.

However, I saw "The Robe" in New York and I must confess that its effect was quite overwhelming. It may be that much of this effect was due to first experience with the vast screen, three dimensional quality, unusual sound projection and gorgeous colouring. All of this, together with its spiritual story, gives it a unique mystical power and extraordinary missionary potentialities.

Yours, etc., *JEWESS*
Jerusalem, December 13.

NO. 12 BUS LINE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mrs. Bondy's enthusiasm, in today's *The Jerusalem Post*, over Hamkasher's new No. 12 bus line is probably unique. What with uncivil drivers, infrequent buses and unkept-to schedules, no resident on the route thought the service could be worse but now that the line is longer, it is — immeasurably.

Yours, etc.,
ARTHUR SAUL SUPER
Jerusalem, December 9

Jerusalem Art Notes

Graphics and Ceramics

YEHUDA Bacon is exhibiting his graphics at the new "Nora Gallery" (9 Maimon). His drawings, which often are rather monochrome paintings, and his monotypes, have a playfully dreamlike quality. They are conceived in understatement: what is left out between the lines is as important as the lines themselves. There is no doubt that Bacon's graphics are extremely good in an intriguing manner. There is something mysterious about the technique of this young artist, who achieves effects akin to etching and wood engraving by scratching into fresh monotype prints. I believe, however, that Yehuda Bacon's work could improve if he would use the media he now imitates. As a straight etcher and woodcutter, he could reach excellence as a decorator of bibliophile editions.

The "On Glaze Paintings" by Deborah Blumental, also shown at the "Nora Gallery," are very competent and very decorative tiles, of which I prefer the delicate "old-fashioned" flower pieces to the free compositions. The artist's attempt to imitate the effects of mosaic work on tiles is probably a mistake. The artistic languages of the tessellated work and of the painted tile are altogether distinct and have nothing in common.

Y.M.C.A. Show

TILES also form the most valuable part of the ceramic exhibition which Dutzi Reiss and her pupils are holding in the Y.M.C.A. Board Room. Mrs. Reiss does not intend to train craftsmen. Her adult pupils have taken up pottery as a hobby, as a way of self-expression and consequently of art appreciation. The results are quite interesting, especially in glaze and colour.

Mrs. Reiss' own pottery has previously been reviewed in this column. This time her abstract and semi-abstract painted tiles are really pleasant and truly ornamental. Used in large composition such as the "Olive Grove," and as individual squares, they provide welcome spots of colour and captivating patterns. Glassy drops are successfully employed to enliven the surface

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Yesterday's Press

Egyptians Copy Communists

LATEST developments in the Cairo show trial tend to show that Communist infiltration in the Arab world does not come from below (as feared in American circles) but from above, says "Haboker" (General Zionist). The extraction of wholesale confessions is in the best tradition of Communist trials and shows the application of that technique.

"Herut" attacks a speech made by the Minister of Defence several days ago and says that "putting up" with the present armistice lines is one of Mapai's cardinal sins. The paper also attacks the government for its lack of coordination in matters concerning the Arab minority.

'Ramaf' Strike

Several papers comment on the Knesset debate on traffic accidents while "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) deals with the strike at the "Ramaf" factory in Ramat Hasharon. The paper says that unscrupulous employers are trying to exploit cheap and unorganized labour, and if this is permitted, the country will return to the "good old days" when the Revisionist workers organization engaged in systematic strike-breaking. The paper notes that the "Herut" labour organization is also involved at the Ramat Hasharon factory: children are employed at a daily wage of IL.2.500. The paper complains that the police are defending the factory's owners by intervening against the strikers.

"Davar" (Histadrut) comments on the pedagogical conference of the agricultural schools at Mikve Israel. "Omer" deals with problems of juvenile delinquency, praising the initiative shown by Tel Aviv school children who have arranged meetings with children from poor quarters, within the framework of a new organization, "From Youth to Youth." "Ha'arets" (non-party) deals in its editorial with the financial crisis in Tel Aviv Municipality.

"Kol Ha'am" published the text of a parliamentary question by Dr. M. Sneh to the Foreign Minister. Dr. Sneh, basing himself on a report in the *Jerusalem Post*, suggested that Israel should protest against events at an election meeting in Berlin two months ago by the rightwing extremist "Deutsche Partei." The paper did not make it clear however whether Dr. Sneh also proposed the establishment of diplomatic relations in order to transmit this protest. "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) and "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Avoda) dealt with the Knesset debate on traffic accidents and proposed ways and means to reduce the high rate of fatalities.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) surveys both sides of the present great debate in the French National Assembly and seeing in the recent Soviet notes a willingness to make compromises expresses the belief that new contacts between West and East may perhaps be of some use after all.

At the Cinema

WE could not have had a better introduction of CinemaScope than "Three Coins in the Fountain" (Mograbi, Tel Aviv). The first half of this film is photographed largely in the streets and surroundings of Rome and here the new medium is at its best. Magnificent panoramas were greatly enhanced by a wonderful illusion of depth. The splendours of Rome are somewhat eclipsed by the more mundane personal problems of Jean Peters, Mary McGuire and Maggie McNamara, playing American secretaries who live and work there.

Miss McNamara is not given the opportunity to repeat her sensational success in "The Moon Is Blue," which recently finished a successful long run in Tel Aviv, but she is still highly effective in a rather similar role.

One thing, of course, is missing: without the nymph-like charm of Audrey Hepburn no screen visit to Rome could ever be quite the same.

J. L.

Lowbrow Laughs

"ABBOT and Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (Edison) is definitely lowbrow entertainment but nevertheless at times extremely funny. As usual Costello gets most of the kicks and one begins to wonder why he carries Abbot along. Against this pair, past master of horror Boris Karloff doesn't make much of a showing. It is to be hoped, however, that after such satires, real horror pictures will go out of vogue.

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